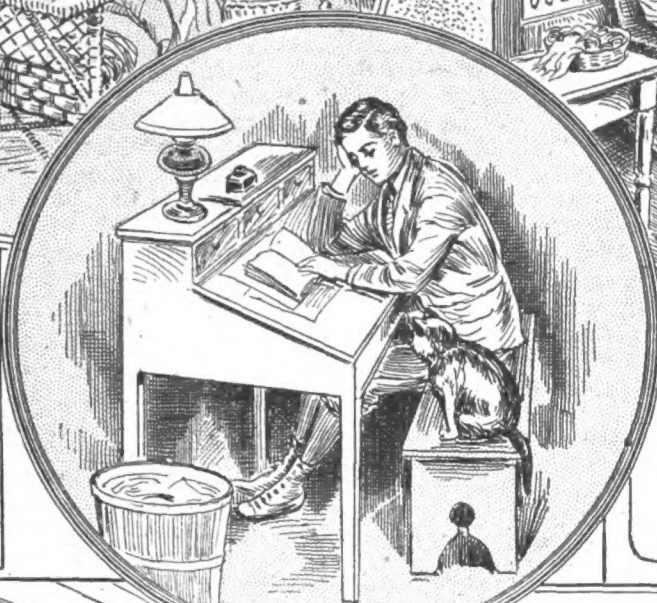


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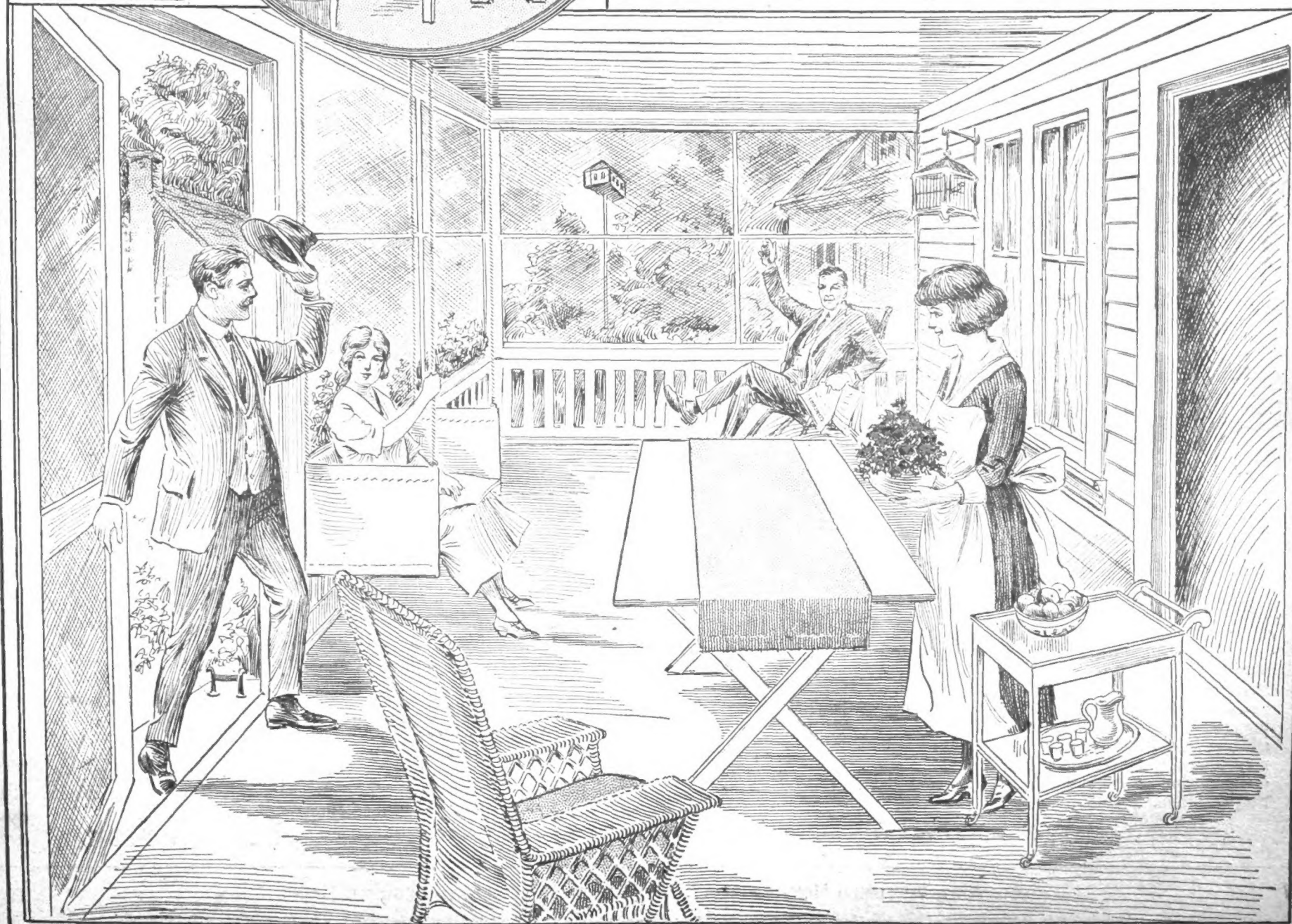
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"Put up again Thy Sword into Its Place; for All They that Take the Sword Shall Perish with the"

THOSE who are familiar with the Christian Scriptures, as all should be, will recognize the above headline as the words spoken by Jesus in rebuke of Peter for his lawless act in smiting the emissary of the high priest sent to arrest the Master. Many regard this severe denunciation as the imprecation of a curse on those who resort to violence as a means of furthering their purposes; but, be that as it may, it surely makes plain the truth that lawlessness tends to provoke retaliation in kind and work the destruction of those who appeal to brute force for settlement of their grievances. History is replete with examples of disaster to those "that take the sword", and a notable instance of such retribution is seen in the recent popular uprising and administration of mob law provoked by a series of acts of lawless and destructive violence committed in connection with and furtherance of a long continued railroad strike in Arkansas.

Please understand at the outset that our comments on this Arkansas case are offered, not as an expression of approval nor as a plea in justification of the community action in unlawfully assuming to execute the law in its own way, but for the purpose of pointing out the disastrous reaction likely to result from a resort to lawlessness by strikers. Where crime becomes so rampant as to evoke a lawless assumption of the functions of retributive justice there is a demoralizing and dangerous approach to anarchy that can not be too strongly condemned. The main facts of this deplorable Arkansas affair, as reported in the papers, are briefly summarized as follows:

In 1921 a strike was called to resist a reduction of wages on the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad whose line, a 150 miles in length, serves a large section of country chiefly devoted to farming. The strike dragged along and after a while, as too often happens when strikes are not quickly settled to the satisfaction of the strikers, there was resort to criminal violence: attempts were made to tie up transportation and terrorize the public by destruction of railroad property, whereby, not only was traffic much impeded, but public safety imperiled. This reign of terror progressed from bad to worse until brought to an abrupt end on January 16th of the present year by a popular uprising which, acting through the instrumentality of its "Committee of 1000", effectually cleaned up the situation which by that time had become absolutely intolerable to the community composed, as it was, largely of farmers dependent on this railroad for getting their produce out to market and getting in necessary supplies.

The sabotage inflicted on this railroad in the ten weeks immediately preceding the clean-up is reported to have included the burning of ten bridges, various damages to trestles and tracks, the crippling of locomotives, and the cutting of air-brake connections to put cars out of commission. It is asserted that more than twenty bridges were burned during the last half of last year. The railroad was practically paralyzed, and the farmers along its line were in desperate straits. The remedies which the law provided had totally failed, as they claimed, because of the inefficiency and disinclination of the State and local authorities to take vigorous measures for the suppression of lawlessness. Therefore they felt compelled, as a matter of self preservation, to take the administration of justice into their own hands for the restoration of law and order and public safety. Accordingly they organized and, as previously described, took action through the "Community of 1000", and it cannot be denied that, for so doing, they had provocation so strong as to be almost irresistible to human nature. Of course the methods of the "Committee" were reprehensible, some of them extremely so, but it must be remembered that they acted in extreme stress of circumstances and under great excitement and nervous strain.

The homes of such of the strikers as were

under suspicion were visited and searched; one striker, who resisted search, was hung; a hotel keeper, who by furnishing bail had procured the release of several strikers previously arrested under due process of law, was publicly whipped; the furniture of the strikers' meeting-hall, in Harrison, was taken to the public square and burned; the city marshal of Harrison, reported to have been accused of sympathizing with the strikers, was whipped and ordered to leave town; scores of strikers were driven over the State line into Missouri, and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of Harrison were called upon to resign.

We quote the following extracts from the editorial comments of Arkansas papers as reflecting public sentiment in that State. *The Arkansas Gazette*, published at the State capital, while deploring the hanging of the striker, yet defends the community action in handling the situation by strong-arm methods, asserting that "the patience of the people was exhausted, and they rose for the protection of rights that it seemed could not be protected in any other way." The attack on the property of the railroad was a challenge to the whole State." *The Harrison Times*, published at the storm center of the disturbance, says: "Without this railroad, which serves 200,000 people, farms would lose at least half their value and many business houses would be ruined. Why, therefore, should the people sit openly by and let the unions wreck the State, and bully and intimidate the people?" As to the hanging of the striker this paper declares that "the union officials who recently voted to continue the strike are as directly responsible for Gregor's death as the men who actually strung him up." The Arkansas farmers plead dire necessity in justification of their usurpation of law-enforcement and point with pride to the fact that they "cleaned up" in two days a pestiferous state of lawlessness that had persisted two years unattended to by the constituted authorities.

Leading journals in other States are unsparing in their denunciation of this outbreak of "mob violence". Most of them are in substantial agreement with the *New York Herald*, which says: "Mob law can not be excused in a country where all the machinery of justice is supposed to be available at any moment to meet any offense against law." This statement is ideally correct and theoretically sound, and ought, without exception, to be true in fact, but too often, as was instanced in the case in point, "the machinery of justice" utterly fails "to meet" a series of most flagrant offenses committed in defiance of law. Some prominent eastern papers express the more rational opinion that the Arkansas uprising is a "reflection upon the Governor of the State and the local sheriffs under his control, whose supineness throughout recent months of disorder has supplied a temptation to violence." While it is perfectly proper and eminently desirable to hold up high ideals, yet in dealing with the actual affairs of life exceptional conditions arise in which theories do not hold good, and the frailty of human nature must be taken into account, and care must be had not to strain it to the breaking point.

Mid theorizing and idealizing it is best that, for the attainment of practical results, there be a general recognition of the fact, so abundantly demonstrated, that although the good people of America are patient and long-suffering there is a limit to their tolerance of lawlessness, and when or where this limit is exceeded they will supplement the law with effective measures of their own for the suppression of crime. In line with this is the *Boston News Bureau's* observation that "The corollary is that administration or execution of law must in many places and in many ways be greatly improved. Governors and sheriffs supinely and falsely avow they have situations 'in hand' or 'under control' when later explosions reveal how stupid or craven they were." The vital thing is the majesty and supremacy of the law. We must keep always and everywhere

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Her heart's fear, and down

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Brownie Douglas, waiting at Memorial Hall, Centennial Exposition, Philadelphia, is joined by her friend, Aspasia Huntington, a wealthy Baltimore belle, who meets with a slight accident in her dress, attracting the attention of two gentlemen, Adrian Dredmond, an Englishman, and Mr. Gordon who recognizes Brownie, she being an intimate friend of his sisters. Her father, dying before she is born, and her mother at her birth, she is adopted by her great aunt, who gives her her name Mehetabel and brings her up to remember she is a direct descendant from the Scottish nobility. Her nurse calls her Brownie from the first. Adrian Dredmond, stepping upon something, picks up a costly cuff button with a large D, studded with brilliants, and the word "Brownie" in finest letters upon the back. That night Miss Mehetabel Douglas tells Brownie the story of her life, her betrothal to Lord Dunforth, the ball given by Helen Capel's aunt, Lady Ruxley, her introduction to Count de Lussan, a man of questionable reputation, her refusal to cancel a dance at Lord Dunforth's command, Helen Capel's treachery in suppressing a note, her serious illness, her coming to America, where her father and mother soon died. She gives Brownie her jewels, including her engagement ring, coral cross and all other gifts from Lord Dunforth, and when she is gone she requests her to take the chain and key from her neck and wear it as long as she lives. That night she dies and upon the reading of the will Mr. Conrad, who has the care of her aunt's property, admits using and losing money entrusted to him, leaving Brownie, after all debts and legacies to the servants are paid, two hundred dollars. Refusing Mr. Conrad's offer to relieve her from anxiety and have her home with him or go with Miss Huntington as her companion, she secures employment in New York, wearing hats. The work lady, she is helped by Mattie Burnham who wins her love and together in the public library Brownie, reading to her in French, attracts the attention of an elderly gentleman who kindly asks if she is a teacher and speaks any other language. Learning she is musical would she be persuaded to teach. If the opportunity presented itself she would and mentions Ware and Coolidge where she is employed. His card, given to her, bears the name of Wm. H. Alcott, M. D. Brownie, called to the office, meets Dr. Alcott, who has recommended her to his son-in-law, Mr. Coolidge, as being competent to superintend the education of his two younger daughters and to be a companion and interpreter on a proposed trip to Europe. Requiring references, Brownie mentions Mr. Arthur Conrad which satisfies Dr. Alcott; they were classmates. Going to the Coolidge home, Mrs. Coolidge and the eldest daughter Isabel admit her personal charms but are jealous of her beauty and many accomplishments and hope her meeting Wilbur will be avoided. The wish fails and Wilbur is determined to know her better. Boarding the steamer, Brownie is saved from an accident by Adrian Dredmond. Wilbur relieves him of further care and takes her to his mother and sister who realize Wilbur's infatuation for Brownie. Adrian Dredmond, standing near, overhears their determination to prevent Wilbur's further attention. Going to London they take a house near where Miss Mehetabel lived, was wooed and won. Wilbur buys tickets for her majesty's opera for the family and insists that Miss Douglas shall go. Mrs. Coolidge objects, but changing her mind requests Brownie to wear anything but black or white. Deciding upon her dress and jewels, among which is a coral cross, Mrs. Coolidge is surprised to find her so radiant and decides it shall not occur again.

CHAPTER XIII.

A SCENE.

HER Majesty's Opera, Drury Lane, was crowded to its utmost capacity when our party arrived. But having secured a private box, this circumstance did not inconvenience them in the least. Wilbur Coolidge took care, after his mother and Isabel were comfortably seated, that Miss Douglas should have a place where she could command a good view of the stage. He was no other than Adrian Dredmond! lovely governess, and strove by numerous little attentions to atone in part for their rudeness. A battery of loggnettes was immediately leveled at this brilliant company and there were numberless surmises and questionings as to who the newcomers could be. In a box not far from the Coolidge party there sat a royal-looking couple—an old gentleman, still hale and hearty, although upward of sixty-five, and a matron of perhaps a half-dozen years younger. By the side of the latter, and assiduously attending to her wants, was a young man of about two-and-twenty. It was no other than Adrian Dredmond! He, too, had leveled his glass at the newcomers settled themselves in their places. After one sweeping glance, he half-started from his chair, with a low exclamation of pleasure. "Whom do you see, Adrian?" asked the lady by his side. "Some friends who came over in the same steamer with me, I believe," he replied, taking another look, and a smile of pleasure curving his fine lips as his eye rested upon Brownie, who seemed to him in her elegant robes like some beautiful vision from another sphere. "Americans?" demanded his companion, preparing to adjust her own glass. "Ah," "Her ladyship, as she uttered this with a slight accent of contempt, evidently did not deem them worthy the effort of a glance, and accordingly turned her glass toward the stage, the curtain having risen for the first act. For a time the attention of all was attracted in the same direction. Brownie sat as one entranced, forgetting the past, and living over again the exquisite delight which she had so often experienced in by-gone days. "You are fond of the opera, Miss Douglas?" Wilbur whispered, when the curtain at length fell. "Passionately," she replied, turning her glowing face toward him; then added: "And, Mr. Coolidge, you have given me the first bit of unal-

loyed pleasure I have had since great misfortune came upon me."

Her voice quivered, her eyes were dewy, and her breast heaved with the deliciousness of the hour.

"I would I could henceforth give you every joy of earth," he murmured tenderly in her ear. "Wilbur," his mother said in cold, hard tones, "will you come and arrange your sister's cloak?" She had watched his every movement, and her heart was in a tumult of rage at that artful girl for presuming to keep him at her side.

A meaning glance was exchanged between mother and daughter as she made her request; and after the cloak was satisfactorily arranged, as he was about returning to his post, Isabel said: "Sit down here, Wilbur, and point out to me some of the people whom you know."

He pointed out several, when she suddenly exclaimed: "Why, there is Mr. Dredmond who came over with us, is it not?"

"Yes," dryly replied her brother.

"I like his appearance very much. I wish you would go and bring him here, and introduce him to us."

"What is the use? Any other time will do as well, and it is nearly time for the curtain to rise again," he said impatiently and with an uneasy glance toward Miss Douglas.

"Oh, there is plenty of time. Look! he is bowing to you now."

Wilbur returned the salutation but did not move, and his mother exclaimed: "Do oblige your sister, Wilbur. He is, indeed, a fine-looking young man; I wonder if he is well connected?"

"Rather. He is grandson to an earl," was the laconic reply.

"An earl!" ejaculated both mother and daughter, in a breath.

"Yes; so I have lately learned, and, notwithstanding he will succeed to an earldom upon his grandfather's death, he is very modest about it, and prefers to be addressed as plain Mr. Dredmond, rather than 'my lord.'"

"Wilbur, you must introduce him, by all means. Isabel, who knows what may happen?" and Mrs. Coolidge, much excited at the intelligence she had just received, ruffled her feathers with motherly pride.

"There, Wilbur! I do believe he is coming here. He has left his box, and is coming this way!" exclaimed Isabel, her cheeks flushing a vivid scarlet at the thought of being introduced to a peer of the realm.

Adrian Dredmond was indeed bending his steps in that direction; but had those proud women known that it was on account of their despised governess, and her alone, they would not have been so elated.

Wilbur arose, and met him at the entrance. "How are you, Coolidge?" exclaimed the young man heartily and extending his hand. "We have not met often of late," he added.

"No; I have been dancing attendance upon the ladies. Will you come in and be introduced?" "With pleasure," and his eyes lingered upon that graceful figure, clad in maize-colored silk, seated between the two young girls.

Wilbur led him first to his mother and Isabel, then presented him to Viola and Alma, and finally to Brownie, in spite of Mrs. Coolidge's warning glance, as she saw what he was about to do. The young girl's cheeks kindled to a flame as she laid her daintily-gloved hand in his, and remembered that this handsome stranger, whose name she had not known until this moment, had held her in his arms, and so close to his bosom that she had felt the beating of his great heart.

Wilbur noted her rich color, and the shy drooping of her white lids; he noted, too, the lingering look of admiration which the young man bent upon her, and a great pain smote his heart—a fear that trouble, and disaster to his hopes, would follow this introduction.

Mr. Dredmond was invited to a seat by Isabel, and instantly monopolized by her, while Mrs. Coolidge, much elated at the turn events were taking, took care that Wilbur did not resume his position near the governess, but kept him busy answering questions till the opera was over.

Miss Isabel intended that Mr. Dredmond should attend her to the carriage, but by some means in leaving the box they became separated, he standing at the entrance until all had passed out.

Brownie being the last one, he offered her his arm to conduct her through the crowd. She could not refuse without seeming rude, yet she was keen enough to perceive that the attention would call down the dire displeasure of her employer upon her head.

In the lobby they encountered an old gentleman and lady. In an instant the gaze of the former became riveted upon Miss Douglas.

He stopped in her path. His face grew ghastly white, his lips twitched nervously and he breathed as if terribly agitated. Brownie lifted her eyes, and was startled at his appearance. It seemed to her as if she were confronting a madman. He bent toward her until his quick breath smote her cheek. He did not seem to notice her companion; and all his faculties were concentrated upon the startled girl.

He lifted his shaking hand and touched with one finger that glittering cross upon her bosom. "There is but one cross like that in the world," he muttered. "Girl, girl, where did you get it?" he demanded hoarsely.

Before she could collect her scattered senses to reply the crowd surged in between them; the old man was borne one way, Brownie and her companion the other, and she only caught one more glimpse of a pair of deep, fathomless eyes, filled with keenest pain, a white, set face, his lips livid and rigid.

Then she found herself in the fresh, cool air, and Adrian Dredmond saying, in tones of apology: "You will excuse him, Miss Douglas; he is an old man."

"Certainly; but he startled me somewhat," she

answered, drawing a deep breath; and before she could ask if he knew who the strange gentleman was, she found they were beside the Coolidge carriage.

"Really Miss Douglas, is it you at last? You have kept us waiting until we are tired," exclaimed Isabel peevishly.

"I hope you have not been troubled, Mr. Dredmond," apologized Mrs. Coolidge graciously and giving Brownie a withering look.

"Oh, no; it has given me pleasure to attend Miss Douglas," blundered the young man, saying the very worst thing possible.

"I am sorry to have kept you waiting, Mrs. Coolidge, but the crowd detained us, and my cloak caught upon one of the seats," explained Brownie.

"Crowd, indeed! I've seen governesses before this who liked to flirt," sneered the irate Isabel under her breath.

Both Mr. Dredmond and Miss Douglas caught the insolent words, and they aroused all the fire in the young girl's blood.

With the air of a queen she turned as she was about entering the carriage, and holding out her little hand she said to Mr. Dredmond: "Thank you, Mr. Dredmond, for your kindness, and good night."

He bowed low over her hand, then assisting her to enter the carriage, lifted his hat to the others and turned away, but not before he had noted the menacing looks cast upon the poor little governess for her audacity.

"Miss Douglas, please step this way one moment," Mrs. Coolidge commanded in icy tones upon entering the house.

She led the way toward the library. Brownie following, with head erect, and a mien which even the fashionable and imposing Mrs. Coolidge could not subdue.

"I wish it distinctly understood, Miss Douglas," the matron began, with a look which would have annihilated the young girl had she possessed less of the spirit of heroes within her, "that hereafter you are to receive no attention from gentlemen while you remain in my employ. Miss Isabel's prospects are not to be interfered with by you."

Brownie's red lips curled with scorn. She met her glance proudly and without the quiver of a nerve.

"Mrs. Coolidge I have not the slightest desire to interfere in any way with Miss Coolidge's prospects. The occurrence of this evening was wholly unpremeditated as far as I am concerned. But, madam, I wish it distinctly understood upon my part, that if the insults to which I have been subjected tonight are ever repeated I shall consider my connection with you at an end."

Mrs. Coolidge could have strangled her as she stood there in her proud beauty, but she began to be a little afraid of her as well.

"Really, Miss Douglas, it seems to me you are assuming a great deal for a dependent," returned the woman haughtily.

"I recognize the fact, madam, that I am in a measure dependent upon your favor; but I am also aware that my services are of no small value to you. When I consented to take charge of your daughters' education, I did not consent to forfeit my self-respect by quietly submitting to any abuse from any member of your family."

Brownie's tone was very quiet, but very clear and firm.

"What am I to understand by this language from you, Miss Douglas?" demanded Mrs. Coolidge, nearly choking with anger.

"That I expect due consideration from yourself and family, while I in turn render you all proper respect. I wish you good night, madam."

With a courteous inclination of her bright head, Brownie turned and walked from the room with the air of an empress.

Mrs. Coolidge stood looking after her for several minutes in utter amazement.

"Who is the little vixen I wonder?" she ejaculated, when she had recovered her self-possession somewhat. "She is evidently far above her station; and judging from her appearance tonight she must have moved in society equal to any into which we are received."

But that lady knew, as the young girl had said, that she was invaluable to her.

Already her younger daughters were acquiring a fluency of speech and an elegance of manner which delighted her, and she felt it would not do to part with her cultivated governess for any light consideration.

She knew it would be very difficult to find any one, while they were abroad, who would prove as useful in every respect as Miss Douglas, and she resolved to swallow her wrath, and keep her at all hazards, unless Wilbur should fall in love with her.

At all events, one thing was settled—Miss Douglas should be seen no more in company.

CHAPTER XIV.

ISABEL'S DISCOVERY.

A few days later Brownie donned her hat and jacket and went out for a stroll.

She had been very brave and defiant while confronting Mrs. Coolidge but the reaction followed immediately, and she had been sad and dissipated ever since.

She felt so alone in the world—so weary of this loveless life.

It was evident that she was looked upon as a mere machine, fit only to make herself obliging and useful.

To be sure, there had been no more unkind or insolent speeches for Isabel had been warned by her mother that Miss Douglas was so extremely high-spirited that she would not submit to them; but their manner to her was so arrogant and overbearing that it was absolutely painful to be in their presence.

She was thinking of it today as she went out,

and try as she would it was beneath her ignoble, yet it did was very hard to be.

She almost began the straw factory, her own mistress obliged to live less laboriously.

She walked brisk elegant residences, halls, wholly unbecomingly which would of the fearful cloud

Isabel Coolidge had envy ever since the opera. How did such elegant appearance wonderful jewels?

She did not believe she had been sudden poverty.

"Mamma, I tell came by them honest. Why, child, you believe the girl is a ghost."

"It is an ugly word self that you consider. Yes, I think she is of gentlemanly eyes and unconscious the ways of the world personation of modesty."

"I hate such pride there will be any harm. Since Adrian Dredmond her on the stage solved that Brownie live long in the sun."

With those things she had kept up a governess's actions, leave the house, concluded that the rich certain plans which

Watching her opportunity, she slipped room and locked the door. She had never done and she was now everything was arranged.

She noticed the walls, and here and there or article of beautiful home in Brownie loved.

She went to her prized at the elegant. She had none so rich. One little thing in it was an exquisite the initials "E. H. handle."

She opened it, and it was a beautiful home in Brownie loved.

Within were six gold stoppers, filled each of which the initials "E. H. Mehetabel Douglas" smile.

She took them out gold stoppers and in gold which they were. Suddenly her attention paper in the bottom.

She took it up, of tleman's handwriting.

"My darling: To day, I cannot come but I send my little I pray Heaven that case contains many future life with me."

Could it be that and about to be married. There was no date William, to give the author of the note.

No, this could have tended for her, or different.

She replaced the note, turned her attention ing more and more honest.

She opened the bureau to find several the same initials.

Two or three sets with costly laces and handkerchiefs, which at them, an emerald

She found Brownie a few plain articles sets of jet, which aunt's death, and which was in Adrian

But the jewels were not to be found there. "I wonder where a ledge soilloquized, a drawers, she turned

Her eye fell upon stood upon a table at She went over to it. It was locked, and Brownie's keys, which bunch by a steel ring

ber in the trunk from evening dress on the

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The Comfort Sisters' Corner

Department is conducted solely for the use of Comfort sisters, whereby they may give expression to their ideas relative to the home and home surroundings, and to all matters pertaining to themselves and families; as well as opening a way for personal correspondence between each other.

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ways give your correct and full name and address, very plainly written; otherwise your letter will receive no attention.

address Mrs. WHEELER WILKINSON, CARE COMFORT, AUGUSTA, MAINE.

THE housecleaning letters haven't begun to come in yet so we'll have to get along with those we have. It is only when the sisters are in the midst of the spring cleaning that ideas and inspirations for such letters come and then they are usually too busy to write. However, the letters on hand pertain more or less to the spring season, moving, flower culture, amusing children on rainy days and doing things about the home, all as important in their way as the spring cleaning. Letters about gardens interest me greatly, for, of the two, a beautiful garden and well-kept and gives pleasure to a greater number of people than a carefully kept room, for more people see. Maybe that isn't the right way of looking at it, but it is comforting to flower lovers, and that means most of us so I'm thinking I won't be judged harshly. Tell us about your flower garden.—Ed.

EUREKA, P. O. Box 550, CALIF.

EAR MRS. WILKINSON: I have just finished reading COMFORT and enjoyed much but must say that I like to see a comment of yours, no matter how short, at the end of each letter. I love babies, but would much prefer to see the writer's picture instead of, as one sister did, another letter. For after all, the baby is more precious in mother's sight than in the sight of anyone else but she, no doubt, has odies of his pictures at home so give us something else in place of so many strange baby faces, please. We can see plenty of them on the street. Now please do not censure me for I am a saint of the Lord and know what I want. Please print helpful poetry and give a few good prayers and table blessings instead of baby pictures. Babies are sweet but Christ worship is sweeter and needful too in this sinful world as an example to others. Mrs. Wilkinson is a dear soul but maybe just a little blind. No offense, but because the baby cries for the chandelier to play with, no reason why he should get it. And if good pictures be given for something not beneficial while essential things be barred for lack of space, what profit have we? We would like a Bible quotation or verse at the beginning of the Sisters' Corner. Here is a verse and I will supply one each month if there is space to print it. Yours in the Love and Admiration of Christ Jesus, Mr. Lord.

MRS. ALLIE CROWLEY.

Dear Mrs. Crowley.—If I were the sort of person who could please and satisfy every woman reader of COMFORT I wouldn't be doing this work at all. Instead I'd be employed at a nice fat salary to settle all affairs of State, sort of an advisor to the President or something like that. I try to do the very best I can and to please as many as I can. So glad you noticed that I am just a little blind. I try to be that way—blind to the little faults and failings of my friends, though fully aware of their virtues.

The poem, "Royal Dainties," which you sent, will be printed at the close of this department and if you are kind enough to send more poems they will be printed if there is space for them, but please observe carefully all copyrights. Just to prove to you that we want to give each reader what she wants, inasmuch as it is possible, following this will be given several poems suitable for table blessings.

The idea of a Bible quotation from each reader is a good one. Stupid of me not to have thought of it before. Matthew, XIX chapter, and 11th verse is a favorite of mine.

"Heavenly Father, kind and good,
We thank Thee for our daily food;
O, may the strength it gives us be
Used ever, Lord, in serving Thee."

"Be present at our table, Lord;
Be here and everywhere adored,
These mercies bless and grant that we
May feast in Paradise with Thee."

"God bless this food, and bless us all,
And keep us safe, whatever befall,
For Jesus' sake, Amen."

(Sent in by Esther M. Buhrman, Lantz, Md.)

"When all Thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, 'm lost
In wonder, love and praise,
Ten thousand thousand precious gifts,
Thou daily thanks employ,
Nor is the least a cheerful heart,
That tastes those gifts with joy."

Our Father, we thank Thee for this expression of Thy loving kindness to us. Guide us by Thy spirit into all truth and bring us to Thyself in Heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"Father we thank Thee for this food,
For all the blessings Thou dost give,
Strengthen our bodies and our souls,
And let us for Thy service live."

(Sent by Mrs. G. A. Ackerland, Cle Elum, Wash.)

CAMDEN, R. E. R. G. S. C.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS: I have been a reader of COMFORT for several years and it is needless to say I enjoy everything in it. In a paper which I was reading a few days ago I came across the following headline: "97 per cent. of the city mothers vote they are willing for their daughters to marry farmers."

Now here is a question for discussion: Are 97 per cent. of the farm mothers willing for their sons to marry city girls? Is the average city girl capable of being a farmer's wife?

I doubt very much if some of those girls whose mothers vote they are willing for them to become farmers' wives, know how to pin on an apron. And too, would they know how to tread the "street" to the garden, cow lot, poultry yard and like "streets" the farmers' wives must tread. Of course some may say, "let them learn," but will they be willing to learn after enjoying the pleasures of city life? From a general standpoint, the

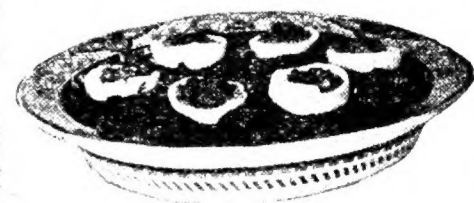
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Comfort Sisters' Recipes

MRS. Minnie O. Mackintosh, San Diego, 3932 Cleveland Ave., California, wins the COMFORT Sisters' Pin for the "best" recipe this month. The conditions of this contest have been explained in preceding numbers. Mrs. Mackintosh has been a contributor of recipes and poems for many years and we feel that the sisters will be glad that her efforts have been rewarded, even if only in a small way. Who is next?—Ed.

CREAM TOAST.—A perfectly cooked dish of cream toast is delicious. It is not worthwhile to serve such a dish unless it is well done. First, put into a double boiler a scant pint of rich milk and one teaspoon of cream; let it come to the boiling point then add a heaping tablespoon of fresh butter and a heaping tablespoon of flour (or a smaller one of arrowroot) wet in a little cream, season to taste with salt and let it boil up. Meanwhile toast slices of bread, two or three days old, brown evenly and if a little scorched, scrape off every particle. The slices should be of even size, neatly trimmed; then put two slices at a time into the sauce and as soon as they soften all through (it takes only a minute) transfer to oven or warming closet of the range. Pour a little sauce over each successive layer, going through the whole operation quickly. Serve the toast while it is very hot. When rightly made this is a dish to tempt a fasting saint. The sauce should be of the consistency of cream. Arrowroot is the most delicate thickening material that can be procured. It is more expensive than flour, however.—MRS. MINNIE O. MACKINTOSH, San Diego, 3932 Cleveland Ave., Calif.

SPINACH.—Before washing spinach break the leaves from any hard stalks and remove all leaves that are yellowed or bitten. Put through several waters, always lifting out the spinach instead of draining as this washes the grit into the leaves again. Bring quickly to a boil without the addition of water. Turn several



SPINACH.

times and as soon as it is thoroughly cooking, set back closely covered and simmer fifteen minutes. Skim out into a colander and drain. Chop fine and season with butter and salt. Many like the addition of a few spoonfuls of thick cream. Garnish with hard-boiled egg cut in slices.

MACARONI AND ROUND STEAK.—One-half package macaroni, one-half can tomatoes, three tablespoons butter, two onions, salt and pepper to taste, one-half cup grated cheese, one pound round steak, one-half cup breadcrumbs. Break macaroni into inch lengths and add it with one tablespoon of butter to plenty of boiling water and boil twenty minutes, then drain. Put steak and onions through a food chopper. Put macaroni into buttered fireproof dish, then put in meat and onions, add seasonings, tomatoes, cheese, breadcrumbs, and remainder of butter melted. Bake in moderate oven one hour.

MEAT CAKES.—One pound round steak, three tablespoons melted butter, three small onions, one tablespoon chopped parsley, two eggs, one-fourth pound grated cheese, two cups breadcrumbs, salt, pepper, and paprika to taste, tomato sauce.

FOR SAUCE.—Four tablespoons butter, one carrot, one turnip, two onions, three tablespoons flour, two cups milk, one can of one-half pound fresh tomatoes, one tablespoon tomato catsup, one bunch sweet herbs, salt, pepper, and red pepper to taste, one blade mace, one bay leaf.

FOR MEAT CAKES.—Grind steak and onions together, add butter, cheese, parsley, crumbs, seasonings, and eggs lightly beaten. Mix together; form into small cakes, roll in flour and fry in hot butter. Serve hot with tomato sauce.

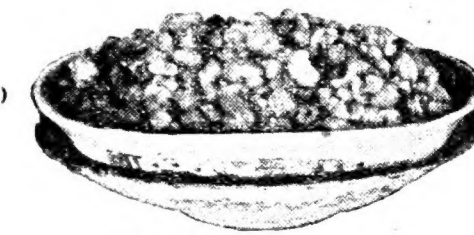
FOR SAUCE.—Slice vegetables, fry in butter ten minutes; then add flour, stock, mace, bay leaf, tomatoes, catsup, and herbs. Stir until they boil, then simmer gently forty-five minutes. Rub through sieve, add seasonings and use. Sufficient for twelve meat cakes.

CREAMED POTATOES AU GRATIN.—Two tablespoons butter, one quart peeled and diced potatoes, two cups milk, one tablespoon flour, one cup grated cheese, one teaspoon salt, one-fourth teaspoon white pepper, few breadcrumbs. Cut potatoes in about one and one-half inch pieces, then boil carefully in boiling salted water. When done, drain, and pour into buttered baking dish. Blend butter and flour in saucepan over fire, add milk, stir till boiling, then add cheese and seasonings. Pour over potatoes, grate a little cheese over top, sprinkle with breadcrumbs and bake five minutes in hot oven.—MRS. HATFIELD, Manchester, N. H.

STEW WITH DUMPLINGS.—Two pounds lean beef, mutton or veal, one quart of potatoes, diced, two cups of sliced carrots (can be left out), two cups sliced onions (half this amount would do), one cup of tomatoes, one tablespoon of salt, one-quarter teaspoon pepper, one tablespoon flour, and two tablespoons chopped parsley. Wipe meat, cut into small pieces, put in kettle, cover with boiling water and let boil slowly for one and one-half hours. Add carrots and onions, boil fifteen minutes, then add potatoes, salt, pepper and tomatoes. Add boiling water if needed to cover vegetables, boil for thirty minutes, add dumplings and boil ten minutes without lifting cover. Add flour which has been mixed with a little cold water, pour over stew and sprinkle with parsley.

DUMPLINGS.—One cup of flour, two teaspoons baking powder, one-half teaspoon salt, one spoon shortening and cold water. Sift flour, baking powder and salt, rub in shortening lightly with finger-tips, add enough water to hold dough together and drop by spoonfuls into stew. Sometimes I add a cup of corn to stew and if I have plenty of eggs I add one egg to dumplings. We think this is fine.—MRS. G. L. SPANGLER, Six Mile Run, Pa.

HULLED CORN.—Cover with cold water two quarts of corn that has ripened and dried on the cob, add four rounding teaspoons of soda, stir well and let soak over

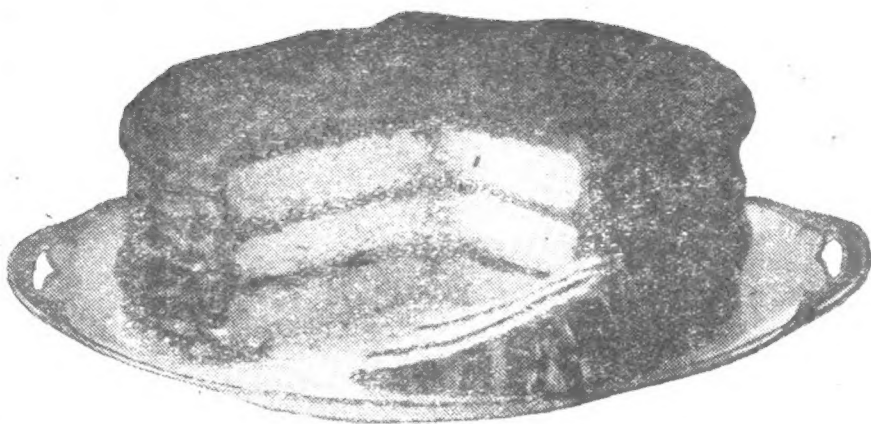


HULLED CORN.

night. Boil in the same water until the hulls have loosened. As the water boils away add more so that the corn will always be covered. Drain, and wash in cold water to remove the flavor of the soda, and at the same time rub off the hulls by working the corn through the water with the hands. Cover with fresh cold water and slowly cook until tender, changing the water one or more times. Hulled corn is served with milk, cream or syrup, or it may be warmed up in a little butter and served as a vegetable.

HEALTH BRAN COOKIES.—Three cups bran, one and one-half cup white flour, two-thirds cup milk, one and one-half teaspoon salt, one half cup white sugar, one spoon baking powder, two eggs, and two level tablespoons shortening. Cream the shortening and sugar together, add the well-beaten eggs, then the milk gradually. Mix baking powder with flour and bran and add gradually to the above. If the dough cannot be handled, add more white flour. Roll out thin and cook with cookie cutter. Bake in quick oven from seven to ten minutes.

ORANGE MARMALADE.—Six oranges, three lemons. Cut ends from fruit and slice very thin. To every cup of sliced fruit add three cups of cold water and let stand twenty-four hours. Boil briskly forty-five minutes and let stand another twenty-four hours. Then to every cup of fruit and juice add one cup of sugar and boil forty-five minutes or until juice will hair when dropped from spoon. Do not use the thick white skins of the lemons. If Valencia oranges are used, add two cups of sugar.—MRS. E. H. STEED, Lyons, Colo.



The Perfect Chocolate Cake and how to make it

DO YOU KNOW of anything more delicious than a good, home-made chocolate layer cake? Here is one that is rich, delicate in flavor and not "sickishly sweet."

The secret in securing the rich, yet delicate flavor and fine even texture of this perfect cake lies in the selection of the best materials, and above all a high-grade cream of tartar baking powder like Royal. This last item makes a big difference, because Royal contains none but wholesome ingredients. It raises the cake perfectly—contains no alum—leaves no bitter taste.

To make this perfect chocolate cake use this recipe—cut it out and paste it in your cook book.

CHOCOLATE LAYER CAKE

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter or other shortening
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 cup milk
 $1\frac{1}{4}$ cups flour
4 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt

Cream shortening well; add sugar gradually beating well between each addition; add beaten egg, flavoring, one half the milk and mix well, add one half the flour which has been sifted with salt and baking powder, add remainder of milk, then remainder of flour, stirring well after each addition. Bake in three greased layer cake tins in moderate oven 15 to 20 minutes.

FILLING

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ squares (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.) unsweetened chocolate
3 tablespoons cream
1 egg yolk
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup powdered or confectioner's sugar
1 tablespoon cornstarch
 $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Save egg white for icing. Melt chocolate in top of double boiler; add cream and egg yolk; mix in sugar gradually; add cornstarch which has been mixed with a little cold water and cook, stirring constantly until smooth and thick; add salt and vanilla. Spread thickly between layers of cake.

ICING

1 unbeaten egg white
 $1\frac{1}{4}$ cups confectioner's sugar
1 teaspoon butter
1 tablespoon thin cream
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ squares (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.) unsweetened chocolate

Melt chocolate; put egg white into shallow dish; add sugar gradually, beating with wire whip; add butter, melted chocolate and cream and beat well until of right consistency to spread.

Helpful Hints

Use level measurements for all materials. Save on the amount rather than the quality of the ingredients.

Use the very best vanilla and Royal Baking Powder; otherwise the delicate flavor and fine texture will be lost.

Cream the butter well before adding any sugar, and do all the hard beating at the beginning of the process.

Beat the egg yolks and whites together; this keeps the cake fresh longer.

Bread flour is intended; if pastry flour is used add about $\frac{1}{4}$ cup more flour.

A few grains of salt added to the icing brings out the flavor of the chocolate.



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A Forgotten Love

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There was the quick sound of a leap, a dull queer sheering noise

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Tom Hamilton, born rich, dies poor, leaving two daughters, Gillian and Jacqueline, to the care of his father's housekeeper. Upon her death there is left forty pounds a year. Mr. Marchmont, in league with his butler, housekeeper and Lesard, buys Hamilton Place and is anxious to adopt both girls that he may gain admittance to the neighboring houses. Jacky refuses; she has no faith in him, and finding Gill in tears begs her not to stay if unwilling. Gill admits there was someone in London and he writes he cannot have her for his wife. She refuses to give his name. Three months later and she wonders why Marchmont adopted her and wishes there had not been the burglary at Lord Hollis's. Lesard, in love with Jacky, will care for her. If alone she would marry him, but she must go to Gill, who is unhappy. Lesard warns her not to go—it is no place for any woman. He does not explain but asks her to trust him. Mrs. Gibbs, the housekeeper, engages a new maid, Mary James, who is Jacky in disguise. Gill confesses her fears that Marchmont is an impostor and cautions Jacky to avoid him, and Jacky knows Lesard is right. She remodels a velvet dress sewn with amethysts for Mrs. Gibbs, who tells Jacky she is to accompany Gill and Mr. Marchmont to Sir Simon Wellford's, where there is to be a grand party. Jacky, that night, hearing footsteps, and a whistle, which reminds her of Lesard, listens, and with shoes in hand steals down the stair-case and spies three men. Marchmont, a stranger and Lesard, and hears from him, "here's luck to the ball." With his words, "Promise to trust me whatever happens," ringing in her ears, she gets Gill ready for the visit and at Lady Wellford's has a room next to Gill's. Sir Charles Vivian takes Gill into dinner. The masked ball follows and Gill smuggles Jacky in dressed in a white domino, where she recognizes Lesard in the guise of a monk and fails to make him reveal his identity, leaving her baffled. Following him and Gill in search of Jacky, they see the robbery and rather than make an outcry Gill admits he is her husband. With the guests at supper a robbery is committed. Mrs. Farnham's jewels, her grace's, too, are missing and only Gillian's jewel case left. Detectives arrive and Sir Charles Vivian's statements, as to his movements before the dinner, relieve him and Gill of suspicion. Gillian admits she was sick in bed and knew nothing about the party, and Jacky, packing up, asks Gill what they are to do. It's done. If Gill tells all she knows she may find out Lesard is married before, and Jacky reads his last letter to Gill, and while loathing the man whom she believes has wronged both, she knows they are not strong and brave enough. Marchmont insists that Gillian shall appear at dinner and Jacky requests her not to ring, who is to sit with Mrs. Gibbs, and late in the evening she slips down stairs, opens a door, standing behind it. She recognizes the voices of Lesard and Brookes and the latter calls "All clear," and she sees Marchmont, Brookes and Lesard who is bringing the jewels, which he carries in his belt, the stones removed by Marchmont and Lesard laying the canvas belt in the place uncovered. Struggling she gains the passage back, her hands bleeding. Gill meets her, hurrying her to safety and Jacky hears Brookes query why Lesard goes out the other way and what will prevent his coming back and taking it. Gillian goes to walk with Sir Charles Vivian and is joined by Jacky. She admits Jacky is her sister. Jacky discovers a flash of light. She has found the other way and someone is coming out from an opening in the wall which is well concealed by ivy and at the foot is a deep dark pool. It is Lesard. Jacky crawls in—the stones are undisturbed. Going out, she hears Gillian call, "Marchmont is back." He has seen the detective. Unless Lesard fails him he is safe. Gill and Jacky decide to get out at once. Jacky means to take the jewels. Lesard decides to have his share and starts for Hamilton Place. Jacky finds the jewels and is staggered by the weight. She fastens the belt around her body. In the collection is a necklace of stones clear and black. Not daring to have them in her possession, she wraps them up, putting them back, and piling the stones over them. She hears someone coming. It is Lesard.

CHAPTER XVI.

A NIGHT OF TERROR.

UP-STAIRS Gillian stood all ready for the start. She had copied a little map of the roads from the County Guide to use when they were out of the radius she knew. Sir Charles's ten-pound note was pinned inside the bodice of her dress; the small handbag was ready, with ample room for the jewels, but there was no sign of them or Jacky!

Gillian looked nervously at the clock. It was an hour and more since Jacky had left her; it was too long, but she would not let herself think anything had happened. Too anxious to sit down, she paced the floor feverishly, and presently remembered her father's papers, which they dared not leave. She went to get them and saw on the top of the case that slip of paper Jacky had scribbled.

"If I'm not back in an hour and a half, don't wait for me. Go straight to Sir Charles Vivian and tell him everything." He will help you, and I will join you sometime.

"Join you sometime!" The girl who had written it had meant after death and the grave, for if she were late it meant she had slipped and drowned. In sheer despair she had sent Gillian to the only man who might help her, so that she should not be alone at Hamilton Place. But the girl who read it was too sharp for her. The meaning of the note flashed on her, and her lips closed in a hard line, though her eyes were full of tears.

"I'll not go anywhere, if Jacky gets drowned for me, for that's what she means." Her thoughts



"I've made up my mind what to do," she continued, "And you've got to help me."

seemed to fly in her brains. "What a fool I was to let her go alone! But she shan't die—she shan't." She had the lamp out and was in the passage through the red baize doors into Marchmont's part of the house as she spoke. But her light feet could not keep up with her heart, that had gone far ahead of her into that unknown passage where Jacky was. If only she had read that note first—the time was nearly over now!

Gillian's throat swelled with the thought of what might be happening to Jacky now, and at the unbidden vision of it she said something to herself just over a whisper.

"Wait, Jacky, dear, I'm coming! Don't go too far!"

For if Jacky could die, so could Gillian. She was standing at the side door almost before she knew it, having flown like a ghost through the silent house.

It was open wide to the rainy night, as Jacky had not left it. Gillian did not think of that as she stepped through it. But once outside, she stopped as if she had been shot. It was no accident that had stopped Jacky—it was worse! She had been caught!

For behind her rose the sound of muffled voices, furious, suspicious. Marchmont and the butler had come into the little hall by the curtained door from the other side of the house; they had a candle and she saw them plainly through the crack of the door.

Marchmont, scornful, unbelieving, but giving in to the will of his servant, Brookes, sickly white with exhaustion, his breath coming in gasps, his face streaming with rain and sweat.

"I tell you it's true," he panted. "I haven't trusted Lesard lately. I went over there tonight to warn him, and I caught him instead; and so did some one as well, or I'm off my head."

"You say he's here?" Marchmont interrupted angrily.

"I say that when I got there I saw a man hanging round, so I hid; and Lesard must have seen him, too, for the moment he was gone out came my gentleman; and he's there now, for I followed him every step of the way. If he's after any good, why is he down below?"—pointing.

"He went in—I saw him; and if we're not quick we'll never see him nor the jewels again!"

He stamped his foot with impatient rage at the supineness of his partner. Conviction had not yet come to Mr. Marchmont.

"Slippery devil!" he said. "But, even so, he dare not go against me. More likely he's come to get out of the way of that London fool!"

"So he lights a lantern and lets it shine till I saw it when I was on the wall! Damn you, Marchmont, have you no sense?" He brought his hand down with a hopeless gesture and dropped his candle.

"Be good enough to be quick, and look out what you're doing," said Marchmont furiously. "Go and get another light and follow me down into the cellar; we'll soon find out who's right—you or I!"

He turned, careless of the darkness, to the kitchen stairs. Brookes was left to grope his way back again to the lighted hall.

Gillian, with a queer calmness, as if she were doing the most ordinary thing in life, stepped after Marchmont. She could see him striking matches all the way down the stairs. She was close behind him as he got a candle out of the kitchen, but out of sight by means of a friendly doorway. She saw by his fast disappearing light that she was close to the foot of the stairs; also that a loose iron bar was on the door that hid her. It was a flat, strong thing, not very heavy, and without a tremor of a pulse she took it from the stair that held it.

If Marchmont and Lesard were to set on Jacky together they would be better without Brookes; he was viciously cruel from cowardice. If Jacky had managed to hide, and the two men quarreled, they could fight fair—without Brookes.

She stood quietly behind the jamb of the open door and waited.

The quasi butler hurrying down stairs with one hand in front of his candle to shield it, saw nothing ahead of him but fleeting shadows. He saw nothing still when a deadly pain caught him across the knees and sent him to the floor from the second step of the stairs in a sprawling leap. Gillian heard the dull crash of his fall, the thud of his head on the flagged passage. After that not a sound, not even breathing.

Was he dead? She did not care; he was out of the way.

His matches and candle had fallen to the ground; she groped for them on her knees until she found them. The man never stirred as she lit his own candle and went on, leaving him lying on his face. He was one less to murder Jacky; that was all.

As she neared the wine-cellar she pinched out her light lest Marchmont might be waiting for Brookes. But the place was dark, there was no one there, and only a cold rush of air in her face told her the queer tunnel was open. How had he managed to move the stone? It had taken three of them the night Jacky had followed.

That was the very thing that had finally roused Marchmont's unwilling suspicion. The stone that had been so cumbersome was on the floor; only the wine-bin hid the gaping hole into the tunnel. There was something wrong, and, to do him justice, Marchmont was no coward. If Brookes had been with him he could have explained the mystery. He had spent the afternoon carefully easing the fit of the stone that blocked the aperture and had extracted it with a crowbar. But the early arrival of Marchmont himself from Wellford House had alarmed him. He pulled the wine-bin in front of the hole and went up stairs, locking the door behind him and carrying with him the evening's supply of wine, as a good butler

should. In his sudden distrust of Lesard he had forgotten all about the stone, that he had made fit loosely, because he foresaw that if ever there were trouble it would be his part to get the jewels and run. And in that event there would be no three men handy to be lifting stones.

But Brookes lay by the kitchen stairs concerning himself with nothing.

Mr. Marchmont, apprehensive of trouble from the only event of the day that was meaningless, crept through the open hole. He had been gone long enough for his light to be out of sight when Gillian reached the place.

There was determination in her face as she lit her own candle for just long enough to be sure of the way to get in the opening. For once she looked like Jacky as she blew out the tiny flame and slipped like a cat into the darkness of the square windowlike aperture. Even the slimy wall, the running water, did not stagger her; almost confident, she strode down the passage, for it was two against two now. She put forcibly from her mind the thought of Lesard's great strength; nothing mattered if she could only find Jacky. But where, where was she?

Where, indeed?

Alone with the man she had loved, separated from him only by that bar of rock that presently he would saunter up to, and conscious that she dared not trust in his mercy or his honor for one second if he found her.

"And he will find me, for that's why he came in!"

She thought dully, as if it were some one else's affair, not hers. She did not even trouble as to whether he could hear her breathing or not. Sooner or later she would see his face, insolent and mocking, leaning over the ridge that hid her. But the seconds turned to minutes and the man did not move. Then a sound she knew was loud in the stillness—he was lifting the stones—the stones off the jewels—and half those jewels were round her own waist!

"He is making sure what I've taken!" At the thought she quivered, wondering if he would kill her when he knew what she had done.

"Well, I'm damned!"

The slow, unbelieving exclamation rang through the place, and told her her hour was come.

Very softly she raised herself a little, for at least she would not meet him crouching; but he made no movement toward her. She could hear him fumbling among the things that remained as if he could not believe his own eyes.

Suddenly he gave an angry little laugh, like a snarl.

"Marchmont," he said softly, "Marchmont has 'marked the king!' And I'm left!" He laughed again. "Not by a long chalk, if I know it," he muttered just over his breath. She heard him handling something that rattled. "Not by that, and by that!"

Open mouthed, the listener leaned against her slimy shelter.

He had said Marchmont! Then he could not have seen her light, or suspect her; he had come only as she had done—to steal. If she lay quite still would he go away without suspicion? Would she yet live to look on the sky again?

She was more frightened now in her uncertainty than she had been when she was hopeless. She tried to pray for help, but nothing would come to her mind but two words:

"God—dear God!"

She thought them frantically over and over, and as she did a new sound caught her sharpened senses.

Steps were coming down the passage from the cellar, and Lesard did not hear them.

The awful thought that it might be Gillian came to look for her came over her, till she remembered Gillian never could have moved that stone.

"Well, Lesard!" said the sardonic voice, so close at her elbow that she was certain Marchmont saw her. "May I ask what you're doing here?"

"I'm doing just what you've done," coolly. "Looking after the stuff. What did you do, if I'm suddenly, 'with what you took?'"

"Took! What do you mean?" Marchmont moved hastily to the displaced stones. "What foolishness are you talking, and what right have you to sneak in like this? How do you know who's outside looking at your light? Brookes told me he could see it."

"Brookes told you that, did he?" Lesard's voice was very quiet, but one hearer at least felt the danger in it. "Well, it was a lie. Don't you see I'm in my shirt? My coat's in one slit, my waistcoat in the other. I'm obliged to Brookes, but I'll settle with you first. Get that belt and give me my share, or—well, you'd better get it!" significantly.

"What belt? Isn't it there? You're mad!"

Marchmont's voice was all but a scream of fury. He bent over the half-empty hiding place as Lesard had done, and, like a man struck with madness, scrambled in the hole with his hands, Lesard laughed.

"Isn't it there? By — that's good—from you! When did you take it, or did you let that shivering fool Brookes get it?"

But Marchmont, quite changed from the precise, annoyed, superior person he had been a moment ago, had risen to his feet with a furious ejaculation.

"If any one has it, it's you!" he cried savagely, and so quickly that even Lesard was caught unprepared. He seized him round the waist with both hands, feeling for the belt. Lesard jerked him off almost without an effort, but just an instant too late. Marchmont had felt a hard, bulging packet under his shirt.

"You've got it," he said as he went staggering backward almost to the ledge of rock. "Give it

Out in the rainy night.

Painfully, strip by strip, almost inch by inch, she burned her dressing gown in her own grate.

to me and I share it with you—and then be rid of a snaking liar."

"That's enough!" Lesard's voice was now, "You're talking rot, and you know it. Haven't got the belt—I've got better! You've come to your wretched belt. I always told you were in that black diamond business, and you did show such a clear slate, and know."

"He pulled something from under his coat and dangled it in his partner's face. 'Be these?' If you do you'd better take a good look at them, for you won't see them again."

Jacky expected an outburst from Marchmont for a long moment he was absolutely still. When he answered it was with such a look that the words seemed to crack in his throat.

"My black diamonds," he said slowly, "cleverest bit of work that I ever did is yours."

"Exactly." The mocking devil in Lesard seemed to have sobered Marchmont, for he was with sudden frankness.

"Lesard, I give you my honor, I never told that belt! If you don't know where it is, put that necklace back and I'll share all of the stuff with you, whether you have or not. My luck is in that necklace."

Lesard laughed.

"My luck is in it now!" he retorted, "the belt, I came to take my share of it. My share mind you—no more. I'm sick, I'm round here, and that detective's got it. But as you or Brookes have been before going to square it with this. I don't care which of you has the belt, now!"

"Neither of us has it. Send for them to ask him."

Marchmont was trembling where he stood, not with terror.

"Shakespeare, by George!" said Lesard, a shrug. "But I'm not sitting the gallows, am I? I'm playing the star. And I would believe one word you or your precious pal's even on your honor!" with an unpleasant "And these will pay me well for your game about the others." He flicked the black necklace so that it gave out shivers of green and red fire, and in the candle showed a brilliant point of white light at center of each dark stone.

"It was a low trick to snare these," he lazily, "and you deserve to lose them."

Marchmont turned his head a little. He heard Brookes coming down from the cellar. He saw the man was—did he expect him to come with Lesard alone! He slipped his hand into his trousers pockets, and the right one came something. Yet still he did not answer. He was thinking of a trick he had learned in Bow his youth—a trick he had kept bright by practice indoors and out. In South America he had killed a horse on the run with it. And he was standing still.

"If you take my diamonds I'll give you the rest," he said at last.

"You can't," returned Lesard simply. "I ruin myself and not get me. I'm of no use to you, and I'll set with you, my convenience. By the way, Billy would be without me, so you'd better get two new ones while you're about it." He threw back his head and looked at Marchmont with amused triumph, then turned round nodding farewell.

"You move another step and I'll kill you!" There was real meaning, real menace, in sharp warning, but Lesard never even turned his head. He knew Marchmont never carried a revolver, and tonight was his evening clothes; the man was small and his evening clothes were quite fitting that they would have shown once where he carried a pistol. Mr. Lesard, all his jeering, had sharply inspected every part of his opponent's figure as he stooped over the hole in the floor.

"I don't think so," he returned indifferently for the only thing in Marchmont's power was to rush him into the black stream, and that he lacked weight to do. Still smiling, Lesard leaned on, bracing himself a little to meet the fall that might come from behind.

But it did not come. Marchmont's belt instead came out of his pocket—he wheeled and he stood; there was a peculiar short whistle in the air and a furious oath from Lesard, who turned his right hand gripping something that stood the point of his left shoulder.

Marchmont had thrown a knife such as sick headers wear. The quick whistle was sheered through the air had been all that kept it from Lesard's heart; he had ducked the ways just in time.

And now his face was the face of a devil, a trace of humanity and decency wiped off it was the real Lesard who stood staring at the blood that soaked his shirt, holding that in his hand. The pain, the sight of his own maddened him. He looked at Marchmont, who was so quiet that Jacky, who had been a part of the report of a revolver after Marchmont's escape, thought it had been bravado.

But Marchmont, who could see him, turned and ran. There was the quick sound of a leap, a queer noise that Jacky did not comprehend, and then a screeching cry that made her jump and then a screeching cry that made her jump and then a screeching cry that made her jump.

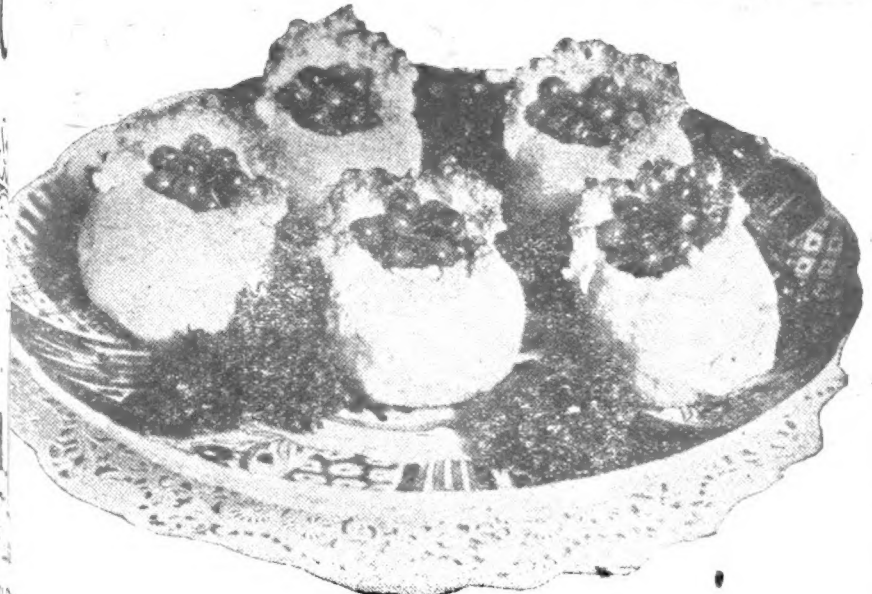
Only for the height of her ridge of rock, her feet. Only for the height of her ridge of rock, her feet. Only for the height of her ridge of rock, her feet.

Lesard must have seen her.

Sick and shaking, she fell back against the wall. What had been done? What had happened? Marchmont gave that dreadful cry like a beast? Had Lesard killed him? Did she hear him mean now, or was it her fancy? She was half-fainting with the horror of what she was not see. The silence after that cry was awful, and where was Lesard? Was he to stand and see killing, as she had stood by and seen the

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NEW FLAVORS IN SPRING DISHES



PEAS IN POTATO CUPS.

By Violet Marsh

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Between-Season Foods

SPRINGTIME, as well as the fall season, affords resources for preserve making, providing us with between-season marmalades, fruit juices and desserts that are a welcome change and a necessary tonic to those who have eaten too large concentrated foods during the winter. The dried fruits which are obtainable at season should now be made good use of, partly in combination with lemon and pineapple. These should be used freely if there is an acidity in the system. All fruits are useful in the elimination of acid, but the high concentration of acid in the makes it most valuable. Lemonade should be taken a half before breakfast, a meal or at bedtime, if medicinal. A little or no sugar is a heating as well as acid. Dried vegetables at season are more or less dried and could be soaked in water several hours cooking. Canned peas and should be drained, covered with cold water hour, drained again, and heated in a boiler with just the addition of butter and sprinkling of salt. This process of preparation will often restore much of the fresh flavor. Cook new cabbage in an open rapidly boiling water, and not over thirty minutes for best



BANANA AND RHUBARB JELLY WITH LETTUCE.

Early Spring Recipes

LOPED ONIONS.—An excellent way to use onions. Cut boiled onions into quarters and to an earthen baking dish in layers, each covered with fine soft bread-crumbs and a sauce rich with butter. Bake twenty minutes in a hot oven.

STABLE RELISH.—One-third of a cup of butter into small pieces and slowly fried with sliced onions. Add two cups of cooked salt and pepper, celery, salt and a little sugar. When the butter boils minutes it is ready to



ASPARAGUS WITH TOAST.

AND CAR-CAKES.—Old car-cake and until very dry drain and with an amount of canned Mash all per, season a little salt, pepper, and add one beaten egg and just enough cream or white sauce to shape into cakes. Fry in fine cracker-crumbs and fry brown in good

POTATO AND PORK STEW.—Pare six medium-potatoes, slice and stand one hour in cold water. Cut four slices of salt pork in strips and fry until crisp in an iron frying-pan. Into it put the drained potato and two sliced of fat, and keep turning until well seared with it. Add two-thirds cup of boiling water, a sprinkling of salt and a little pepper. Cover and set where the stew will slowly cook done. Stir occasionally from the bottom. Lent way to cook old potato.

SCALLOPED POTATOES.—White or sweet potatoes be used. Cut cold boiled potatoes into quarter slices, dredge lightly with flour and fry little salad oil. Sprinkle with salt as they When brown, heap, on one side of pan, let



PEACH GELATIN.

a few then, with a turn on a plate, you would meet.

SCALLOPED POTATOES.—Thinly slice old potatoes and soak in cold water half an hour. In a baking dish put a layer of potatoes, sprinkle with salt, a very little pepper, dredge with flour, and dot with butter. Cheese may be added over each layer if desired. Continue until all the potato is used, or the dish is more than three-fourths full, and then pour hot milk until it partly covers the top slices of potato. Bake in a moderate oven about one hour, and at no time allow the dish to dry. Nearly fill the pan with parsnips, add a spoon of sugar and a light sprinkling of salt

and keep turning in the fat until the parsnips are well covered. Pour in about one cup of boiling water, cover closely and set back where the parsnips will steam cook. Frequently turn the parsnips from the bottom with a knife. When done they are brown and have a jelly-like coating. Add a little more water if necessary but they must not be wet when done.

PEAS IN POTATO CUPS.—Rice hot freshly boiled potatoes and to three cups add one-third cup of grated cheese, three tablespoons of butter, salt to taste, a little cayenne, three well-beaten egg yolks and enough thick cream to handle. Do not get the potato too wet. Beat until light. Shape into cups, fill with drained hot canned peas and place in the oven until a golden brown. Dot the peas with butter and serve at once.

CHICKEN GUMBO.—Old fowl can be used in this dish. Skin and clean the chicken and cut into serving pieces. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and roll in flour and sear in salt pork fat until a light brown. While doing this keep the meat turning so that it will not harden. Remove the chicken and in the same fat fry three sliced onions until brown. Cut one can of okra into thick slices. In an agate kettle that covers closely, or in an aluminum baker, lay the chicken, then the fried onion and okra. Mix two even tablespoons of flour with one and one-half teaspoons of salt, a little white pepper and a dash of cayenne, stir smooth with a little cold water and then add to two cups of thick canned tomato. Pour this into one quart of boiling water, stir and pour over the chicken mixture. Four seeded green peppers and a little parsley should be added if obtainable. Cover and cook for hours in a very slow oven if fowl is used.

CHILI CON CARNE.—One pound of lean beef from the rump or round cut into pieces about two inches long and one-third as thick. Slice one large onion and mince two cloves of garlic. Put three tablespoons of beef fat into a stew-pan and when hot add the meat, onion and garlic. Keep constantly turning until the meat is a golden brown. Sprinkle with three even tablespoons of chili powder and add one quart of boiling water. Bring to a boil and then set where it will slowly simmer for two and one-half hours. Add one pint of raw or thick canned tomato and season with salt. Thicken by blending three tablespoons of bubbling butter with three of dry flour and pouring slowly into it about one pint of the cooking liquor from the kettle, stir thoroughly and return all to the kettle. Continue the very slow cooking until the meat is tender but not so long as to cause it to separate.

FISH WITH EGGS.—Pick salt codfish into shreds, cover with lukewarm water and soak until it is freshened to taste. Drain, cover with fresh lukewarm water, very slowly bring to a simmer and keep at the bubbling point twenty minutes. Drain. Put one tablespoon of butter in a saucepan and when it bubbles, smooth in one tablespoon of dry flour. Cook one minute and slowly add one cup of fresh milk, constantly stirring. Add one cup of prepared fish and bring to the cooking point. Into individual dishes put a layer of the creamed fish, then carefully drop a raw egg and dot with bits of butter and a dash of cayenne. Cover with more fish, sprinkle lightly with cracker-crumbs and brown in a hot oven. Serve at once. This is an excellent way to use leftovers of fish. If desired, a layer of mashed potato can be first placed in the dishes.

CREAMED DRIED BEEF WITH SPAGHETTI.—Pull one-fourth pound of dried beef into small pieces. Boil spaghetti. In a sauce-pan melt two tablespoons of butter and cream into it one tablespoon of dry flour, and gradually add one cup of rich cold milk. Simmer five minutes, add the beef and when boiling hot pour over the spaghetti. Creamed salmon may be prepared in the same way and poured over hot-boiled rice or mashed baked potatoes.

CREAMED CANNED ASPARAGUS.—Melt three tablespoons of butter in a saucepan and smooth in three level tablespoons of flour. Add one and one-half cups of milk gradually, stirring continuously. Cook about three minutes, then add one-third cup of grated cheese and a little salt and pepper. Add one can of asparagus tips after draining well, and when thoroughly heated pour onto slices of hot buttered toast.

ASPARAGUS WITH TOAST.—Remove lower parts of stalks as far back as they will snap, wash and tie into bunches. Lay into boiling water so that the tips will be out of the water until the tougher

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Not So Bad this Month

"Now, that's better! It's the first time the expense figures haven't given me a horrid feeling.

"If I'd only known sooner about Jell-O and some of the other money savers, I'm sure I'd have more dollars and not be so near wrinkles.

"What a lot of money and time I've wasted on things to eat when

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The recipes following are of this class. Take the Pineapple Bavarian Cream for example:

Marion Harland was one of the first of the great cooks to discover that Jell-O—whipped exactly as cream is whipped—forms the ideal base for all forms of Bavarian Creams. Almost any kind of fruit can be stirred into the whipped Jell-O, just as the pineapple is in the recipe below. With comparatively little effort and little expense any woman can make Bavarian Creams of Jell-O that she could never hope to equal in any other way. Berries, peaches, cherries and prunes can be used instead of the pineapple specified in the recipe.

No sugar, cream or eggs are used in these delightful dishes, but only whipped Jell-O and fruit juices (the fruit itself only when particularly desired.)

Pineapple Bavarian Cream

Dissolve a package of Lemon Jell-O in a half pint of boiling water and add a half pint of juice from a can of pineapple. When cold and still liquid whip to consistency of whipped cream. Add a cup of shredded pineapple if you wish. Serves from 9 to 12 persons. Whipped cream adds to richness of the dessert, but it is not necessary.

Use a Dover egg beater for whipping Jell-O, and whip it just as you whip cream—only be sure you do not wait till Jell-O begins to set before you whip it.

Jappy Jell-O Compote

Pour a half cup or cup of peach juice into a pint measure; fill with water, let come to boiling point, and dissolve a package of Lemon or Orange Jell-O in it. Add one cup of cooked rice (cold). Pour half into a dish or individual moulds and set away to harden. Place six or seven halves of peaches on the jellied rice and cover with the remainder of the rice. Serve with meat course, or for dessert as you choose.

Imperial Salad

Dissolve a package of Lemon Jell-O in a pint of boiling water and one tablespoonful vinegar. Just as Jell-O begins to set, add one small can sliced pineapple, one-half can Spanish pimientos, shredded, and one sliced cucumber. Serve with cream salad dressing.

New Manhattan Salad

Dissolve a package of Lemon Jell-O in a pint of boiling water and one tablespoonful vinegar. When slightly stiffened add one cup each of chopped celery and apple, one cup English walnut meats broken in pieces and sprinkled with salt. Cool in individual moulds; serve on lettuce with mayonnaise or French dressing.

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Olive Jell-O Salad

Dissolve a package of Lemon Jell-O in a half pint of boiling water. Add half-pint can of tomato soup, one cup finely chopped celery and twelve olives chopped. Salt to taste. Set away to harden.

Glorified Rice

Dissolve a package of Lemon Jell-O in a half pint of boiling water. Add one-half pint of canned pineapple juice or any fruit-juice. When a cold liquid, whip to the consistency of heavy whipped cream. Have two cups of cold boiled rice cooked dry. Fold the rice into the whipped Jell-O. Add one cup whipped cream, four tablespoonfuls sugar, and salt to taste. Set in a cold place to harden.

The whipped cream may be omitted and the Glorified Rice will still be a most delicious dish. Whipped Jell-O, alone or in combination with fruit, is so good that it is seldom necessary to add cream to it.



Cubby Bear at the Fire

By Lena B. Ellington

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GRANDMA Bear stood in the doorway one autumn day, shading her eyes with one paw, and looking first in one direction, then another.

"What are you looking for, Grandma Bear?" asked Cubby. "If you have lost something, I will help you to find it."

"I am thinking how dry everything is. We have had no rain for a long time. See how the fallen leaves rustle under your paws, and how dry all the little twigs are. You should pick up some dry sticks for kindling wood, Cubby Bear."

"Yes," answered Cubby. "Perhaps tomorrow—but I have promised to play a game of tag now with Racky Coon and Shinyblack Crow, by the white birches near Bunny Rabbit's house."

Cubby ran along the forest path toward the white birches. Racky and Shinyblack were waiting for him, and they had a fine game of tag.

"One, two, three, Can't catch me!"

shouted Cubby, and started to run from one birch tree to another, when he nearly fell over Bunny Rabbit, who was hurrying along, pale-faced and terrified.

"Better run home!" Bunny warned them. The farmhouse children are coming this way. Listen, and you can hear their voices." Having given this warning, Bunny rushed on, and into his little house, not waiting for an answer.

Sure enough, borne on the brisk autumn breeze, came the sound of children's happy laughter.

"Shall we run?" asked Cubby.

"You may, if you like, answered Racky, "but I shall stay and watch them. I can keep out of their way, but I am curious to see what they are coming for."

"Maybe they are looking for nuts," guessed Cubby.

Shinyblack Crow flew up in a tree, and the others hid among some little evergreen trees and watched the children as they came in sight.

First came two boys one carrying an armful of unhusked corn, the other a pailful of potatoes. Following them were three little girls, the largest one with a basket on her arm. As she walked, dishes could be heard rattling in the basket.

"I believe those children are going to have a picnic," whispered Racky.

The five children stopped under one of the white birches, and put down their corn, potatoes and basket.

"Dear me! I hope they won't notice Bunny Rabbit's little house!" whispered Cubby. "How frightened Bunny will be, having them so near!"

They gathered some little sticks, which they piled over some scraps of birch bark, then some larger sticks. The biggest boy took a match from his pocket, lighted it, and started the fire. Picking up stones from the ground, they placed them all around the fire for safety, to keep it from spreading.

They bustled about happily, putting their corn and potatoes to roast, while Cubby and Racky were so interested they could hardly keep out of the children's sight, among the little evergreens.

The girls spread a cloth on the ground, set out the dishes, and unpacked sandwiches and cookies.

"Oh, how good those things look," whispered Cubby. "I'd like to eat some of them right now."

Dinner time came, potatoes and corn were carefully taken from the fire, and with much laughter and merry talk the children ate.

"See, see," said Racky softly, "the black streaks they are getting on their funny little white faces!"

When the last of their dinner was eaten, the boys put more wood on the fire, and made a fine blaze, while the girls packed the basket. One of them caught up the white cloth and shook off the crumbs.

"O-oh!" cried Cubby, too excited to whisper. "See—she got too near the fire, and the nice cloth is all ablaze!"

Screaming, the child threw the tablecloth on the ground, and ran to a safe distance away. The cloth was of cotton, and flared up briskly. Little flames ran from it, catching at dry leaves, grass and twigs.

The boys tried manfully to stamp and beat out the fire, but while they overcame it in one place, it spread in another.

"This is no time to be hiding!" Shinyblack Crow called. "These children will not harm you now. Help them, before it is too late to save our Pleasant Forest! I will fly for more help."

So saying, Shinyblack Crow spread his wings

and flew away, while Cubby Bear and Racky Coon left their hiding-place and ran to the spreading fire.

"Get some big sticks and try to beat out the flames!" Racky told Cubby.

The little girls ran away, toward home, sobbing with excitement and fright.

"Cubby Bear, Cubby Bear, Cubby Bear!" called a shrill little voice, and Chirpy Chipmunk leaped to Cubby's shoulder. "Come, come quickly! Bunny

trying to put his arms around all the Bunny Babies at once.

"Bunny Rabbit, Bunny Rabbit!" shouted Cubby.

"Pass your babies up to me, one at a time!"

"Wake up, Bunny Rabbit!" cried Chirpy. "Do you want to stay here till it is too late to get out?"

Poor Bunny, whimpering and trembling, moved slowly toward the window, bringing his little flock with him.



ONE WAILING BUNNY BABY AFTER ANOTHER WAS PASSED TO CUBBY UNTIL ALL WERE OUTSIDE.

Rabbit's house is on fire! Save the Bunny Babies!"

Sure enough, when Cubby turned to look, he saw that the cruel flames were lapping at Bunny's little house like hungry tongues, eating it up.

Running to a window at the back of the house, for the fire blocked the doorway, Cubby threw it open and looked in. There was Bunny Rabbit,

One wailing Bunny Baby after another was passed to Cubby until all were outside. Then, reaching inside, Cubby pulled Bunny Rabbit out, too.

Cubby packed the Bunny Babies into their little cart.

"Now, Bunny Rabbit," he said, "take them to

Mamma Bruin's house, and go as fast as you can. Oh, Chirpy Chipmunk, you will have to help him! He is frightened quite out of his wits. Mamma Bruin to come here, quickly!"

Shinyblack Crow had seen all the time the children had all gone.

Soon Mamma Bruin came rushing out of her path. She wasted no time in taking the children but, seeing the empty tin pail in which Shinyblack Crow had seized the pail, and toward the Big Brook for water.

Shinyblack Crow had come back, and Betty Badger, Foxy Reynard, Polliwog, and others were there, each one putting in her best efforts into fighting the fire. Woodchuck, his feet protected by his boots, was tramping bravely on the logs at the edge of the fire.

Suddenly Red-top Woodpecker, up in a tree where he was keeping well out of the fire, for fear of harming his precious pe-

shouted to the workers below:

"A man is coming this way—running, and there comes another—three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-one, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-five, thirty-six, thirty-seven, thirty-eight, thirty-nine, forty, forty-one, forty-two, forty-three, forty-four, forty-five, forty-six, forty-seven, forty-eight, forty-nine, fifty, fifty-one, fifty-two, fifty-three, fifty-four, fifty-five, fifty-six, fifty-seven, fifty-eight, fifty-nine, sixty, sixty-one, sixty-two, sixty-three, sixty-four, sixty-five, sixty-six, sixty-seven, sixty-eight, sixty-nine, seventy, seventy-one, seventy-two, seventy-three, seventy-four, seventy-five, seventy-six, seventy-seven, seventy-eight, seventy-nine, eighty, eighty-one, eighty-two, eighty-three, eighty-four, eighty-five, 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ESTERDAY I stopped in to see Mrs. Webster whose youngest boy, John Frederick, has just been getting over a bad attack of tonsillitis. Johnny is well enough now so that his big Irish-blue eyes were able to shine above one of oranges I carried him. "Now it's school for me next week, Uncle Lisha," he said a juley voice and a dripping grin—and I quite sure whether he was glad or sorry, now he might have balanced in his small mind the, to him, almost equal evils of a sore throat. But despite a trace of scholasticism, John Frederick is a good and one of my neighborhood favorites. Even regards him favorably.

er Johnny and I had our visit, I talked for minutes to Mrs. Webster's father—an old with little to say, but whose silence is that perience. He has wisdom when he cares to ly distribute it. For years Jim Webster a truck farmer on Long Island, selling the cultivated acres and moving into the city, his wife died and the children had all mar- And I'll say for him that he bears the city ntly—even when the crowds he meets are as as ever were unthinned onions on his Long d fields in his trucking days.

arch being at hand, I spoke of the weather, urse, and of the succession of wet dark days ere having. "I gave myself a nifty umbrella Christmas, Mr. Webster," I said, "and I've currying it so much that it's half worn out dy."

Without a right direction, a right wind, we can have nothing but cloudy world weather, and the sort of itful, dark lives that are being lived by many today. It is possible for a continuation of this to breed a great storm bringing destruction and clearing—a clearing which fewer of us might be here to enjoy—including the present upholders of the new psychology and the deriders of old faiths.

I would ask daily to be made as simple in my love of and faith in life as little Johnny Webster, and that I could turn as trustful, happy eyes on the future and those about me as he can turn. There is no Kingdom of Heaven but to those who are as children. The sophistication, the "impudent knowingsness" of our day brings its own destruction and its pride will become its own fall. And now for the letters:

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DEAR UNCLE LISHA AND COUSINS:
Hello, everybody! Well, here I am again. Oh, I know I come quite often, but I just can't help it. Have to do something out of the ordinary sometimes.

I have started on my pilgrimage through the United States again. Contrary to my plans, I did not get clear of Penn's Woods the first jump. But I'm gradually working my way along. I've covered a goodly portion of Pennsylvania already. I'm now working here in the State College for an indefinite time at my trade—carpentering. By the time this letter is published I expect to be in Florida where I, will, no doubt, spend the winter. My destination is not far from the coast, but to backtrack to Iowa and then westward, taking in the Western States. Of course my plans may necessarily change somewhat; for instance, I may hit such a bombardment of powder puffs I may be forced to turn back! But be that what it may, I'll get through somehow. I did not intend to start this trip this fall, but I got an invitation from dad to "beat it" and I accepted the invitation. So now I find the first lap of my trip completed.

I go from here in every direction on auto tours—some trips extending 200 miles and back. Nothing like knowing one's home state, y'know! In the nine or ten weeks I've been traveling I've been through a hundred of Pennsylvania and towns. This city, State College, is noted mostly for its flappers, bachelors and college. Many thousands of students go here and different branches are taught the year 'round. Living is mighty high and boarding places scarce. I've visited some of the cousins (girls as well as boys) and was royally entertained—in spite of my notoriety! I expect to visit thousands on my travels. I know many are eager to see what a man of my sort looks like. To the those who will never see me, I'll say: you'll only see an ordinary fellow, generally quiet looking, but one that can easily smile or start some fun. Still see now and then a letter mentioning my name. Guess most of the cousins have come to realize that I'm not such a hard-baked fellow after all.

I mix very little in society here. Generally am in my room writing or out in the car nights and Sundays. Work nine hours a day. Have made several friends while here, of both sexes, but have only one close friend—a man who is a dandy fellow. We generally travel together and he seems to like my company better than anybody else. I'm that way with him and so we have our own car and have fine times in the car.

I'm still getting lots of letters, but very few of them condemn me for my stand toward the latest styles—powder, etc. I can still assure you I hold the same opinions. I don't get a bit scared at these flappers—even though I do get nearly smothered with powder. I mind my own business and let others mind theirs. Except for lecturing someone once in a while in a friendly way, it's not my business to be a reformer. But I'm always willing to point out what I think is the right way, and help anyone to get started that way. I am always a friend of the "under dog," and I will not condemn a person because of having fallen—rather I try to help them on their feet again. I'm sure it's the only way. Shame a person who has fallen, and he or she will sink lower, and lack the courage to climb back. The thing to do is to reach out a helping hand and they'll strive to regain their footing. Am I not right, Uncle? Perhaps some day you or I might yield to temptation (it always strikes us when we are weakest), and wouldn't we be grateful for a helping hand? So I say: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Many conceived the idea that because I denounced the use of cosmetics, criticized the latest styles, etc., that I am a "hick" and a kicker who kicks at everything just for the sake of kicking. But no one realizes more than I do the state the world is in today. While we are gaining in riches we are losing in morality. Losing in morality means losing in vitality. Lose in vitality—and what are you? A wreck, no good to yourself or others, a mere derelict on the sea of life. Late hours, society, fashion—all lead to this. Are we going to go on and on without a struggle, or are we, some of us at least, going to try and stem the tide and work for the uplifting of our people? Think that over, I must close. Ever the same, AUGUSTUS H. TRICK.

Well, Gus, old timer, when you see this in print you will be well started on your tour—probably leaving behind you a trail of exploding powder puffs like a smoke screen of fragrant talcum. I have a slogan for the banner of your pilgrimage—how would this do?

Come one, come all!
The puff shall fly
From each pink nose
Before I die!

But I should not kid you, Gus, for your letters, every one of them, bespeak an earnestness of purpose, a sincerity of endeavor, which are not found in much of our world of idle-minded, drifting youth. No, Gus, you are out to get somewhere and to have an interesting time while on the way. Under your red hair is not the weakness of brain steering-gear which will ever leave you, to use your own words, "a mere derelict on the sea of life." When you read the advice: "Hitch your wagon to a star," you'll never think it means to tie up to some idol of the movies and keep blowing in your two bits. I shall like to think of you, Gus, as back-tracking and side-tracking over our big and cousin-settled country—taking with you a ready smile and a ready heart; a ready hand to help and a spirit that while it judges does not condemn. Having these things you will have the true comradeship with your kind which is what we need most of all for any coming Democracy of Humanity. You will be a citizen of the poet's "City of Friends." You will know that the Golden Rule is meant to be more than a framed motto on the wall of a Sunday school only open once a week. No bushel of violet talc will ever hide your light, Gus. I have faith that you're going to keep on shining.

MASSIES MILL, VIRGINIA.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA AND COUSINS:
I wonder if you all will listen to me for a few minutes and help me solve a problem. The problem is I want to bob my hair and I want you all to help me decide whether or not to do it. I want each of you to write and tell me what to do, and the majority will win. So many of the girls here where I live have bobbed hair. I am five feet, four inches tall, with blue eyes, medium brown hair, and I weigh 116 pounds.

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You can depend on their freshness

Whenever you see a housewife exceptionally careful about the freshness of her food, you can be assured she knows what is good for her family. The woman who insists upon the freshest milk, eggs, fruit and vegetables, orders biscuit baked by "Uneeda Bakers."

Do you know? that

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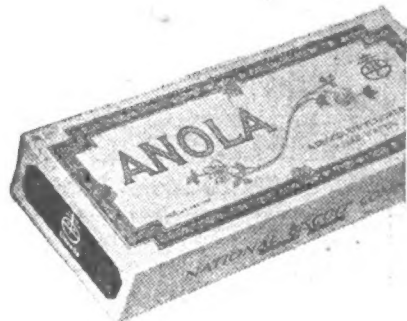
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House Cleaning, Renovating, and Improved Conveniences

By Estelle Garland

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GETTING a maximum of healthful cleanliness with a minimum of labor becomes an increasingly important problem as the housewife faces the scarcity of labor and with the high cost of materials. To intelligently pursue the daily rounds of housework one must sharply question the how and why of each act instead of following traditional methods. We no longer scrub unfinished floors or black stoves, drenching of taking up, beating and putting carpets has disappeared since they have been given way to the use of rugs, and all things have been revolutionized housecleaning and all-housekeeping.

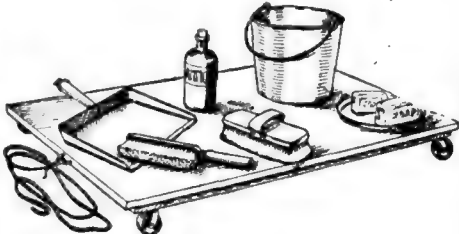
March heralds the approach of housecleaning days, the general repair and replacement of long winter use, and the handling and cleaning of woollens and furs against moth damage. Let us see if we cannot introduce some new methods and devices that will operate as preventives. A general twice-a-year housecleaning is usually unnecessary under right management. If the work is carefully planned, if the furnishings that are easy to keep clean and handled in the right way, and if attention is made for keeping all the dirt possible out of the house, there will be no need for an annual housecleaning. Moreover, this systematic housecleaning saves labor in the end and is economical in materials used in the furnishings and care of the house. Almost every housekeeper has a more or less fixed routine of work, which might be called her plan. Oftentimes, with this plan as a basis, the housecleaning can be so organized that the housekeeper can save herself much time and many steps. These are the days when it is wiser economy than ever to make "the head save the heels."



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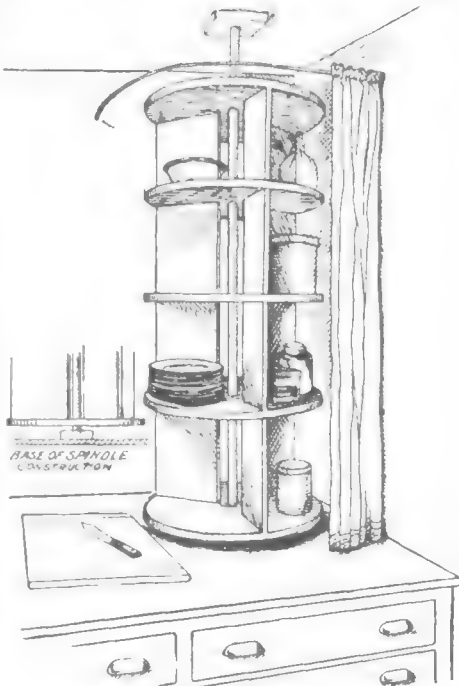
lands. All the members of the household help if only by keeping their own possessions in order and putting things that they use in good condition. That kind of furnishings the house has and the house itself is arranged and finished have a more effect on the work of housecleaning than many persons realize. In many cases just a change will soon pay for themselves in time and energy saved. For instance, durable water-proof finish or a covering such as linoleum, for floor in the kitchen and pantries, and smoothly laid floors in the rest of the house, will prove themselves an economy. Doing away with superfluous shelves and moldings, filling up cracks and holes in which dirt lodges, and arranging adequate storage places will also help. Keeping dirt out of the house, or "preventive" cleaning as it might be called, is well worth effort. Removing the dirt regularly from windows, porches, steps and walks helps in this, too, as screens covered with cheese cloth or material through which air will pass, but dust and soot. Such screens are particularly useful in pantries and storerooms, for doors and

not unsightly. Following is a list of tools well worth their cost in making work easier: Corn broom for carpets and rough surfaces, such as concrete, brick and stone. Hair brush-broom for smooth floors and floor coverings, such as wood, linoleum and oilcloth. Wall brush of lamb's wool, or loops of soft cotton twine, or soft bristles. A bag of cotton flannel slipped over a broom may take the place of a wall brush. Whisk broom for various purposes. Long-handled mop, long-handled scrub brush, and hand scrub brush. Paint brushes for reed furniture and upholstery. Drainpipe brush made of stiff bristles and flexible wire. Dry mop either untreated or oiled. The latter holds the dust better and renews the finish on



COMFORT CLEANING TRUCK.

Painted, varnished or shellacked floors, but must not be used on waxed floors. A mop wringer for floors that are washed with water. It is fastened to the pail and saves the worker much stooping, keeps the hands from the water and removes more water from the cloth than would be possible by hand wringing. Carpet sweepers are effective for taking up surface dirt. A hand-power combination carpet and vacuum cleaner takes up surface dirt and to some extent sucks up fine particles. Carpet or rug beaters may be of heavy wire or of either flat or round reed. Those of flat reed are least hard on the carpet fibers. Dusters should be soft and should shed neither lint nor ravelings. A duster is best moistened by passing it through steam; by wetting one corner of the cloth, rolling it up, and letting it stand for a short time; or by wringing together one dry cloth and one that has been wrung out of water as dry as possible. A dust cloth may be oiled by applying a few drops of kerosene or light lubricating oil on one corner, rolling the cloth and letting it stand until the oil has spread even-



A CLOSET THAT REVOLVES.

ly. Never use feather dusters as they scatter but do not remove dust. When furniture polish is used for the simple purpose of cleaning and polishing, shake the polish well, then sprinkle one-half of a good sized cheese cloth duster with the polish, fold over the dry half, roll tightly and place in a tin coffee can overnight. This will do a large amount of dusting.

Useful Cleaning Agencies

Water the most necessary and common cleaning material, should be used lukewarm and not be allowed to stand on floors or woodwork, nor to get into cracks or seams.

A soap solution should be kept on hand for cleaning as it does the work quicker, more evenly and safely than using soap from the bar. One pound of soap and three quarts of water at heated slowly together until the soap is dissolved and then the solution is poured into wide-mouthed bottles from which it is used.

Ammonia, borax and sal soda (washing soda) are alkalis used both to soil hard water and to loosen dirt. If concentrated ammonia can be bought and diluted at home by using about one part ammonia to seven parts water, it is usually more economical and satisfactory for general cleaning than the dilute form sold as household ammonia. Borax is best likely to injure delicate fabrics, but is the most expensive. Washing soda is bought in coarse powder form and should be thoroughly dissolved in water before using.

Oxalic acid is used to bleach stains on wood and to clean copper and brass. A safe way to use it is to put one ounce of the crystals in a half-pint bottle of water. This amount of water will not dissolve all the crystals, so more water may be added as the saturated solution is used, and more crystals added to the bottle as they disappear. Oxalic acid is a poison, and to avoid accidental poisoning, tie a tiny bell around the neck of the bottle.

Kerosene and benzine are used to dissolve grease and sometimes control insects, but should always be used out of doors or in an out-building away from any kind of flame.

Kerosene will cut grease and loosen dirt. Ammonia will remove white spots from varnished surfaces but should be used rapidly. Apply a few drops of the ammonia to a wet cloth,



AIR-DRIED DISHES.

Windows near the ground against which dirt of sorts is blown. Much dirt can be kept out by doing away with the walks and bare ground near the house, by dusting that mats and stationary scrapers be set outside the doors, and by providing special mats just inside where muddy rubbers and boots get coats may be left.

Implements and Materials for Care of House

No matter how carefully the housecleaning is organized, it cannot be done easily and quickly without suitable cleaning tools and materials. The ideal arrangement is to have a complete set stored in orderly fashion in a convenient closet. If this is impossible, put up two strong shelves for bottles, soaps and other things that cannot be hung, and on the under side of lower shelf put in a good many large cup hooks from which to hang brooms, carpet sweeper, various brushes, etc. A coarse curtain can be hung from edge of the top shelf making an arrangement

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rub the spots, dry with a fresh cloth and polish with a good furniture polish or with oil.

Very soiled and sticky furniture requires more than a cleaning polish; it must be washed. Two quarts of boiling water, seven tablespoons of good linseed oil and three tablespoons of spirits of turpentine is an excellent wash for furniture and all leather upholstery. As soon as the wash cools enough to bear the hands in it, stir vigorously and wring out a soft cloth, and swing in the air until lukewarm before applying to the furniture. Wipe with a fresh cloth and rub with furniture polish.

Dustless dusters should be kept on hand in a tightly covered tin box. They are easily made and a great comfort when dusting because they hold all the dust. It is not necessary to clean the dusters until they appear quite soiled. Shake or hang on the line after using and you will be surprised to observe that they are quite free from loose dust. To make, use squares of cheese-cloth dampened in the following preparation: One dessertspoon of oil of paraffin, and five cents' worth of oil of lavender (thoroughly mixed with one pint of kerosene oil. Sprinkle the dusters (this will make ten one-yard squares) then roll and let stand until the oils are evenly absorbed. If they seem at all wet, hang for a short time in the sunshine until the moisture is reduced.

Furniture polish for rubbing up various kinds of finished woodwork is made by mixing one part raw linseed oil with two parts turpentine and adding a little melted beeswax. A second lighter polish is made by mixing one part light mineral oil with two parts kerosene.

Floors

A well-laid floor of seasoned soft wood can be given the appearance of hard wood, and a surface that wears well. First, sandpaper off any soiled places. Then boiled linseed oil to the boiling point, carry out of doors and add an equal amount of spirits of turpentine. Apply at once with a large brush so the oil can all be used while hot. Let dry for two days then give the floor a second coat, dry three days and apply the third coat. After this dries you will have the grain of the wood filled and a firm elastic surface that must be given two coats of good floor varnish, allowing the first to dry several days before the second is applied. The longer the varnish has to dry the less easily it will mar. This process requires considerable time, but it is well worth the effort. To clean, use a dry mop, and occasionally, lukewarm water to which a little kerosene has been added.

For a floor covering, nothing equals a good quality of linoleum, for it is durable, easily cared for and gives a room an attractive appearance. In buying linoleum one must carefully consider the pattern and the wear it will receive. Plain linoleums require more care as they show dust and marks. The mottled effects are the most satisfactory for hard wear, such as in the kitchen, pantry, back halls. Where there are children and the living-room receives hard wear, a small-figured linoleum makes a good-looking, sensible floor covering, which can be relieved with plain rugs.

An art square for the living-room is made of plain carpeting, sewed together in strips. It should be of a soft neutral shade. After sewing

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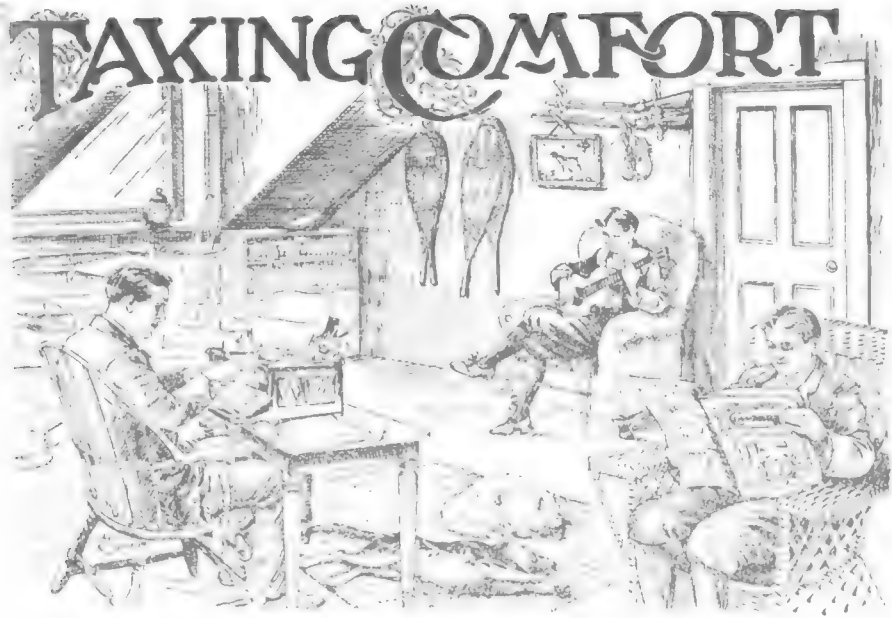
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HE touch of domestic comfort as above pictured was but one of many visions our publisher had in mind when he named his magazine *COMFORT*, 35 years ago. Such a conception could not be developed in a day, nor in a year, but when Gamett symbolized his high aims and put out all it implied that his magazine should be a living medium which would unlock the millions of homes and hearts, and light the way to a greater prosperity and to new ideals of comfort of living.

Mr. Gamett was born to the belief that toward reality of comfort found its source in the home, and this, combined with the belief that all progress followed the paths of reason, Mr. Gamett spent many years of long and ceaseless work in creating a house-magazine that would teach the resulting fruits of frugality and industry, of time and well spent.

Forty-five years have wrought changes in work, due to scientific discoveries and fac- tories, and the indications are that will follow. It seems but a surprisingly short time ago when most things consumed were made within the household and the woman's contribution to the family was almost wholly domestic. Now, she must meet the large prob- lem of wisely spending the family income that the may be obtained therefrom. But whatever changes and changes may come, the success- ful household will always be the one where there is a wise management of the working power of the family. There must be economy of strength as well as money, for nothing so reduces efficiency as dissipation of energy.

For exemplifying *COMFORT*'s original purpose, Gamett has kept pace with the rapid devel- opments of the times which have continually in- creased the demand for a comfort producing maga- zine.

The daily program of most men and wom- en seldom allows of time for extended research, or can they afford to expend large sums of money on experimental devices, even if such were available. With a policy shaped to meet the prob- lem of the home-maker, *COMFORT* very early on through letters from its readers how great far-reaching its arms of comfort might be.

And this is the story of continually adding new departments of instruction, departments that fill the demands of our thinking young men and women, pages that tell what other women are doing in the domestic world, columns that cheer and relieve the sick and disheartened, stories for children and grownups, and Uncle Lisha who sees that *COMFORT* readers do not lose their car- ty for a hearty laugh.

Another feature of *COMFORT*'s policy has been to give space to names and addresses, thus mak- ing it possible for readers to correspond. Many the instances where these letter-acquaintances have brought comfort to each other and where friendships have been formed.

Comforts in Furnishings and Arrangements

Too many people are inclined to travel in the monotonous groove with mind closed to household comforts, believing there is a certain way in using the old things in the good old way. There are others who cherish the mistaken notion that comfort spells extravagance, and they go along without investigating. As a matter of fact, we all need occasionally to get outside of ourselves to obtain a fresh viewpoint, and this ap- pears particularly to allowing ourselves to become fixed in our habits of routine. In fairness to self every housewife must occasionally ask her- self results achieved give balance to the ex- penditure of time and energy.

Then this reaches you, my dear friends, spring- time will be here, that wondrous season when hu- man beings, like the buds on the trees, are strug- gling to shake off their winter restraints and un- der a new life of sunshine and freedom.

Since less medicine, living in the open air dur- ing warm weather as an insurance against illness winter, household furniture that can be kept itary, the banishment of carpets, and simply- pared foods have become a matter of educa- tion, the housewife of today finds herself in a era of civilization that is taking drudgery out of housework. Styles and fads are bound to be shun us always, but the parlor opened only for ddings and funerals, the musty-smelling guest mber, and brandy for infants will never come back.

As a whole, the modern methods of household rangement and devices go a long way toward ping the housewife fit for her many-sided vo- tion of home-maker, cook, laundress and seam- cess, and the woman who "checks up" on her- self knows the key to her success is keeping men- ally refreshed. "Nerves," uncontrolled, consti- tute a mother's greatest enemy, for her unhappy ite of mind will be reflected in the conduct of r children. In the days of the closed parlor, men did not enter into out-of-door recreations any extent, and social restrictions put an age- nit on the young matron's activities, but today ere is no more joyful sight than to see mother id children enjoying the same sports together. other goes camping, fishing, boating, motoring, does whatever the children most enjoy, and ith it all can dress as they do, in flannel shirt id knickerbockers. And in so doing she has the elial approval of the community in which she ves. Truly, times have changed!

Furnishings That Create a Home Atmosphere

On the cover of this, our Household Number, e have featured a general plan arrangement for kitchen porch to be used as a combination liv- ing and dining-room. Also there are four addi- tional units illustrating practical furnishings and roupings that are restful and homelike.

If we could make a tour for the express pur- pose of seeing the different ways that living-in- the-open has been evolved to meet individual means and needs, we would find many surprises await- ing us. The lure of the open is very strong in the American, and as soon as a definite plan or desire has been attained, it is often amazing how ideas follow and comfort is worked out of that which was uncomfortable and inconvenient. It takes but a slight trick of the imagination to under- stand the benefits to be derived from a screened- in porch where, of an evening, reading, conver- sation and games may be enjoyed, and during the daytime meals can be served and much of their preparation accomplished. And if there is no special arrangement for sleeping out of door this porch can readily be converted into a sleeping- porch by setting up canvas or spring cots. Where the porch is for general use it should not be crowded as this would entail unnecessary rear- ranging.

At the first appearance of warm weather the housewife will put in order and store away all the things that catch the summer dust and are in no way necessary to the family needs. She will then rearrange and decide what is usable on the porch. The house may look a little forlorn at first but the relaxation and sense of freedom that follows is like starting on a vacation, and really that is what it is, a vacation from the many things we do not require when we have in their place the pure air and sunshine.

Before deciding just how the furniture will be arranged, let us first take a look at the porch it- self to see what can be done here and there to add to its general comfort. Screens, of course, and common cotton fly netting will last an entire season. It is rapidly tacked in place from floor to ceiling and the use of too many fastenings is eliminated by holding the edge with long, narrow strips of wood with a brad here and there. If at one end the view is objectionable, lattice-work of light strips will conceal it, and it may be orna- mental as well. Awnings, Japanese or sailcloth curtains add to the porch comforts. The most use- ful cloth curtains for a porch that has open spaces to the floor are made by fastening one end of the curtain to quite a heavy rod or pole which acts as a weight and prevents the wind from blowing it. The top edge is finished with a strip of wood run through a hem like an ordinary win- dow shade. Cords and small pulleys are so ar- ranged as to roll the curtain from top or bottom. Flower boxes will make your porch attractive, but if you look upon the green of the trees and birds it is enough. A dish of wild flowers for the table is refreshing.

Only such furniture as is necessary to the fam- ily use should appear on the porch. More will take away the sense of freedom. A long table of home construction such as we see at church sup- pers answers all purposes, and a crash runner gives it a cozy touch. The hanging hammock can be recommended for comfort, and for either adults or children it is generally useful. If the mat- tress-cushion is even it can be converted into a sleeping hammock at night. If a strip of cloth is securely fastened across the front it makes an excellent cage for baby who will then be away from drafts.

Canvas reclining chairs add an element of com- fort if your porch is spacious. Wicker furniture, painted light green, is practical for indoors or outdoors. Folding tables are very useful, and the folding canvas stools for extra guests can be hung in some convenient place when not in use.

Strips of coco matting sewed together make suitable rugs if you need them. Avoid any fur- nishings that are likely to be upset by the wind, and all ornamentation unless it belongs to the great out of doors.

A piece of furniture which I might call indis- pensable to porch life is the kitchen wagon. Have one, even though it is no more than a stand on casters. Many times the whole night meal may be put on the wagon, pushed to the desired place, and the whole family group around and eat, pic- nic fashion. Then as a side-table it is extremely useful, and when not in use for holding food it can be utilized as a sewing table.

The object of this article is not to advance set ideas on home furnishings but to give some gen- eral outlines from which the housewife will find assistance in meeting her special needs. Writing to the home-maker is always a work of pleasure because we are all in quest of that which will save energy, save money and bring us the most enjoyment.

If we were to start at the foundation we should put fresh wall-paper on every room. If you can spend what it will cost to do this you will get large returns, for nothing is more restful, or so changes the general aspect of a house, and this the woman needs and deserves who spends the large part of her time within.

In selecting papers, make a study of light, the general color effect of furniture and the purpose of each room. If your dealer carries only highly- colored, large-figured papers, ask to look at the sample book, and select papers that do not an- nounce themselves as soon as you enter the room. Plain papers are always safe, and fill their mis- sion by simply becoming the setting or back- ground for pictures, bric-a-brac, mirrors, books, etc.

Browns, if they incline toward the golden tones, are restful, durable and pleasing for a general- purpose room. Two-toned designs in stripes are among the best. Green for a room that gets little sun should be avoided. Grays are excellent and may be striped with a small-figured colorful de- sign. Use bird decorations and landscapes in hall. Chambers should be done in light colors. As they have less wall ornamentation, figured papers in small flower designs may be used, but selected with great care, as nothing must disturb the rest- ful appearance of the room. The sick spend many hours looking at the walls, and ours will tell you how irritating a grotesque design or harsh colorings may become.

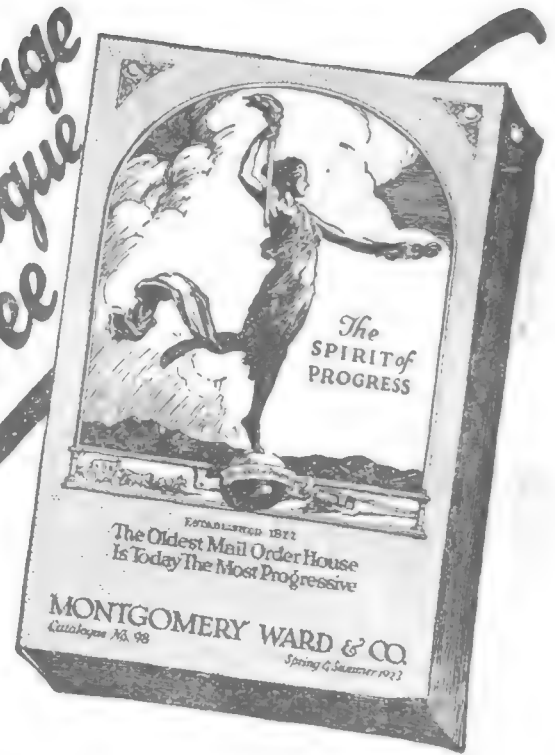
While on the subject of sleeping-rooms, let me say a good word in behalf of growing girls hav- ing their very own. As soon as a girl has a place where she is free to do as she pleases, the home- making spirit will begin to develop. Girls in- stinctively love what is beautiful. They also love art, and if they can have a sort of sanctuary of their own, you will soon find self-expression in their surroundings. A place of their very own also encourages reading and thoughts.

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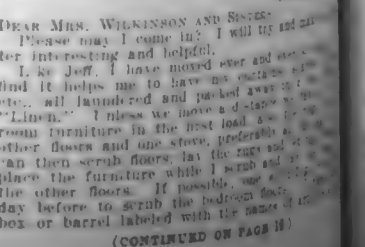
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Forgotten Love

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Surely it was her guardian angel who or limbs too heavy to stir, her voice power-her throat; for outside the work had been done for any girl to check it. And out-ward threw down a knife on the floor. Once more to the hole and rifled it, and away, stopping only to put on his coat st, never even taking the pains to put out nont's candle. He was going! And she, ly witness, was left in this awful place man who might be dead or dying—be l only—for she knew nothing of the knife, was going—and she could not swear she n him.

A recklessness as good as his own she to where the ridge was low and looked as crossing the stepping-stones gaily, care- with the old light carriage of the head he had loved. She watched him drop on es and worm himself into the opening, and he saw why he had not troubled lest nont's candle might shine out through the is; he had blocked them carefully with tuff he had brought with him, aided with n coat and vest. A soft, stirring move- hind her brought her sharply round. Was mont hurt, or was he looking at her as she over her shelter?

God!" cried Jacky.

"Lay Marchmont on his back, close to the f stream. The front of his white shirt ariet, and he was absolutely still, a little of blood at his open mouth. He had been i. The knife that had done it lay beside e rough stones.

ened, she stared at him, and then grew row nearer. If Brookess found her here with that bleeding thing on the floor, with vels strapped about her, would he—she put nd sharply to her throat as though she felt ngman's rope on it. She had not even ough left to hide.

"ky!" came a whisper close to her. "Jacky, are you?"

te, staring, Jacky turned and saw Gill. 's dead—he killed him!" She could only r in a dreadful, incoherent jabber. "I do it."

me out," said Gillian gently. She stooped Marchmont and felt his heart, carefully keep- ng fingers free from his oozing blood. n't touch him! Jacky muttered, shuddering, show she thought that lax body might be ing, might start suddenly to life and stab ab with the knife that lay so close to its i. Then she cried out as though she were ust conscious that Gillian was there.

ow did you get here? Is he dead?"

m the cellar. No, not yet, but I think he's "

She drew back and looked to see that gers were unstained. "I saw it all. I saw row a knife and I saw Lesard stab him. e to help you, but I didn't see you. I've and to know if you'd got out."

me out now, quick!" Jacky stood in the of the floor, sick and reeling.

can't go through the way I came. Brookess here; he may be awake by now!"

show you, only come! We must get our e and get out of this dreadful house before e finds him. Oh, Gill! he won't die, will e can't let him die. Lesard killed him for lit, and it was I who had it. If he dies I'm orderer as much as Lesard!"

at can we do? You could not help their ling. Come along; we can't stay here; we get our bag and go. What are you doing?"

was on her knees by Marchmont; had t his handkerchief in the icy stream and a pad over the narrow cut in his shirt. her fancy, or did the closed eyes open ever- shly? At the perilous thought she rose y, her hands dabbled with his blood, show what to do now," she said hoarsely, as a devil, but we can't let him die; we want to be hanged."

knelt down by the roaring water, leaning e hand for safety while she washed the n the gloom she did not see a bloody of her left hand showing clear on the yellow floor. The right hand that was washed first ly a mark of water; she never thought of her.

me," she repeated feverishly, "I know how n get away from here and save his miser- life, too, if we're quick."

llan followed her over the stepping-stones, ing her skirt for guidance, out into the free e night. But they scarcely dared stop to he it, for they must get unseen to their own s while there was breath in Marchmont's en they reached the side door it was open. house absolutely still. They met no one, l no one, as they groped their way to Gill- room.

ky's teeth chattered as she threw down the s. But she smoothed her hair, nevertheless, n her shoes, and flung a flannel wrapper over erty dress.

ack everything; meet me outside the front n five minutes," she ordered, "before Gibbs me to wake the servants. I'm going to tell e heard some one scream."

it as she opened the red baize door she knew e was no need to tell anything.

e saw Brookess limping down the staircase e flying housekeeper; they were roused dy—going to the cellar. Brookess had found

llan saw it in Jacky's face as she ran back flung her wrapper on the bed.

seemed not a minute before they were out in rainy night again, running from that house tim. They had the jewels; they were free; held secrets enough to ruin their enemies; bold of them thought for one minute of y's handprint, marked in blood on the cellar

CHAPTER XVII.

"A WOMAN KILLED HIM."

Why ever didn't you come before, you great rs. Gibbs, pale and handsome in her dress- ng, waited for Brookess at the wine-cellar door, ing her hands wildly. "If you knew all this t have you been doing?"

He lammed me across the ankles with some- g, and knocked me silly, didn't I tell you?" He! Do you mean Marchmont?" she cried, ing breathless at the open hole.

I mean—with a string of epithets—"that l Lesard!"

Then you're a fool," she returned. "Lesard didn't trouble with you. More likely it's po- I never believed in this country house busi- never."

he swore quite as volubly at Brookess as she t through the square opening, nimbly enough, sidering her size and her flowing garments. e passage did not appall her as it did Jacky; and Marchmont were familiar with every h of it; but even she had to wait for Brookess l his light till she rounded the turn and saw ehmont's candle still burning in the heavy air. "Jim!" she cried. "Jim, where are you?"

ugh Mr. Marchmont's name was Paul.

but as she called she almost fell over some- e that lay in the slippery pool—and knew e Marchmont was and where he would be ever. With a sobbing, muffled, cry she was on e knees beside him, dragging open his shirt to e wound. She took no heed of the folded nkerchief that must have fallen to the ground, it no longer lay where Jacky had placed it. "He'll bleed to death," she moaned, trying to p the blood with her hands.

"He's gone now! The butler was shivering; kept his head turned away from the blood that ined over the stones."

"He's alive, I tell you! My Jim's alive. I've

seen dead men!" she retorted fiercely, tearing the sounce from her satin petticoat and bandaging the wound with skill. "I won't let him die here. Catch this and drag it tight!" She cursed his slowness as he limped reluctantly toward her, swearing at his squeamishness as he kept his face averted from the blood. "If you'd come be- fore—"

Her torrent of words stopped short on her lips; she had seen Marchmont's face turn gray. The hand she held was suddenly leaden.

He was dead!

The woman who had followed him like a faith- ful dog had been too late to save him. All his sins and schemes had come to this.

"He's dead!" Brookess's voice was thick. "My God, what are we to do? We're ruined."

But she could not answer. She was swaying where she knelt. Nothing mattered to her but that Jim Adams—known as Paul Marchmont—was dead.

"Think," he repeated, "what we're to do!" But he saw she neither heard nor heeded, and if morn- ing came and caught them in this plight nothing could save them. Courage he had none, and his cunning had deserted him. He fell back on the only thing that came to his mind.

"Are you going to let Lesard get off?" he cried. "It must have been Lesard who murdered him!" But he could hardly get the words out, for they turned his stomach.

"Let him get off—Lesard?" she repeated dully, and then as his meaning reached her brain sprang to her feet.

"By the Lord, Lesard shall swing!" she cried. Brookess was frightened—strangely frightened. "You can't tell," he began, but she cut him short, with a superb gesture. She pointed to the dead man. "I loved him this many a year," she said grandly. "I can do anything for Jim."

"And if you lay it on Lesard the whole of Eng- land will know that Marchmont was just the head of the gang!" he returned, forcing his shifty eyes to meet hers. "There's more to think of than Lesard."

"What does it matter now?" she said obsti- nately, "Jim's dead."

"And you're alive—and if Lesard is lagged he knows enough to let you rot in jail," desperately. "And you never could prove anything against him, I know that; but he'd ruin us. Do you think because Marchmont's dead the whole world is?"

He turned from her with sudden recollection; he was not doing what he had meant to do. He went toward the place where the jewels had been hidden. If his cry of dismay rang falsely she did not notice.

"They're gone—everything's gone!" He knelt staring at the empty hole.

Greed and greed alone pierced the woman's strange hardness. She began to cry. If the hoarded jewels were gone she was a beggar, for Marchmont had spent all his money on Hamilton Place, and they had lived on his spoils ever since.

Brookess got up and stood looking at her.

"We'd better get out," he muttered; there's no use of staying. If we're found here with him we'll swing." He gulped at the last word, as if it sickened him. "And we can't do him any good," glancing fearfully over his shoulder.

Mrs. Gibbs stopped crying.

"Look here," she said, "if you bolt and leave him alone in the dark, to be found or rot, I know who I'll put the blame on, and that's you!"

Brookess's stare was ghastly.

"I've made up my mind what to do," she con- tinued, "and you've got to help me. We'll carry him up to his room and then call the police. I'll arrange the room; they'll think burglars killed him. I don't want any one to find out he was any other than Paul Marchmont, or that this house was queer."

The plan was better than Brookess's, and yet, would he have to touch that dead man?

"How can we get him up?" he hesitated.

"You and I must carry him. There's no one in the house I can trust except one girl. And if it was Lesard did it, he can just take his chance. I won't tell. But if he did it I'll pay him out, whether he's suspected or not. You're sure it was him?" sharply.

"Sure!" His teeth chattered as he answered. But she took the candle and made a round of the place, bad enough in the beginning, reeking of murder now. Presently she pounced on the knife, and knew it for Marchmont's own. The sheath was still in his trousers pocket. But it was not he who had killed himself with stab after stab.

The knife handle was sticky with blood, and she remembered Lesard's fastidiously clean hands.

"If he threw that down he'd wash his hands," she said. "Go and look if he left any marks; he might have been cut himself. Curse this stone floor that doesn't take footprints!"

With chattering teeth the butler took the can- dle from her, and searched the cut stone on the river edge on his knees. Suddenly he turned and the candle in his hand flung a radiance on his face, the face that Judas has worn throughout all ages.

"What did I say?" he whispered, for he had found what he was looking for. "Come here."

Mrs. Gibbs seized the candle with a quick oath, kneeling on the very verge of the stream.

There, on the stone brink, was the print of a hand in blood that was still red, but she stared at it in blank amazement.

Fine, small, delicate, those outstretched fin- gers, that narrow palm, had never been Lesard's! Her own hand was small for a woman of her size, and she stretched it silently over the bloody marks. It overlapped them everywhere.

"It wasn't Lesard's!" She began to tremble violently. "It was a woman—that killed him."

"A woman? What woman?" Neither question or answer rang naturally.

"I don't know, but I'll find out!" and at the vicious fury of her livid face the butler rejoiced that at least it was not his hand-print she was measuring.

She got up, gritting her teeth. Was there some one else—had Marchmont all this time deceived her? That he was not over and above faithful she knew; he had never tried to hide it. But if there had been any other woman in his confidence who had turned against him that woman's life should pay for it.

Brookess, more ghastly than the corpse, did not dare to refuse as she signed to him to take the dead man's shoulders while she lifted his feet. But terror alone forced him.

Along the slimy passage they carried their bur- den painfully. Brookess gripping the candle with two fingers, strangely careful that it should not drop hot grease on the dead face that lolled back- ward horribly, bobbing up and down at each step.

At the entrance of the cellar Mrs. Gibbs stopped. Stripping off her dressing-gown she rolled it round Marchmont.

"We don't want to leave marks," she said dully, her mind running on that other woman who had killed him. "I can burn this!"

And at the silent acquiescence of the butler they went on again, treading softly through the silent house, not daring to whisper lest some wakeful servant might come out up them, drowsy- eyed. And at last they stood in Marchmont's own sitting-room, where the cards still lay dis- ordered, as he and the housekeeper had left them when she went to bed.

"Why not his bedroom?" said Brookess wretch- edly.

Somehow it seemed less ghastly for a dead man to lie on his bed than here in the disorder of playing-cards, cigar ends and empty soda-water bottles. Could the butler ever go up-stairs and to bed with this dead man lying down here in his own blood?

"Because this is best! Could any one," point- ing scornfully to the window, on the level of the ground, "get in a window two stories up, or get out without leaving footmarks in the garden? There won't be any footmarks looked for here, the stone terrace couldn't be expected to hold them. And the gravel couldn't, either, in this rain. Hear it!" she paused, and the drumming of the heavy downpour sounded to the miserable butler like the feet of a hundred men.

He could only watch as she took the dressing- gown from the body and laid it on the floor in the same attitude it had been in when she found

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"Come back to the cellar," she ordered; I've forgotten something."

He dared not say no. Better go with her than stay with the dead. He saw her catch up a rug from the floor, and did not even ask her why.

Half an hour later as they came from the cel- lar for the last time, he knew without asking.

She was carrying the rug stretched flat be- tween her hands, too wise to roll it, and it was red and wet with the blood she had wiped from the cellar stones.

Nauseated, he turned from her as she placed it under Marchmont. No one could doubt now where he had been struck down.

"Now," she whispered, "put out the light, pull up the blinds, leave the window open, and we'll go. You can find him in the morning."

"Me?" he recoiled so terror-stricken that she pitied him. "I—can't!" He went to the whis- key decanter and drank from it. "If we don't say anything about the cellar," he muttered, "I suppose you're not going to mention that hand- print to the police?"

"You fool! There's other ways than telling," she retorted. "If they find it for themselves they'll be far keener than if they're told. Mind, now, you never heard of the cellar!"

He wished with all his soul he never had, as she picked up her stained dressing-gown and wiped her hands on it, so that something fell out of its folds on the floor.

"Look at that!" she cried. "It's his own hand- kerchief, all folded and soaked with water. Some one must have put it on him. Do you think who- ever killed him got frightened and tried to stop the blood? But it wasn't on him, either, when I found him!"

Brookess had more whiskey before he answered. "Well—what of it?" he gulped again at the decanter.

"That's a woman's work. A woman would do that—never a man like Lesard. Put down that stuff! I'm going up-stairs."

She put out the lamp as she spoke, and the butler bolted from the room before her, afraid of that which lay stark behind him. But the woman did not follow.

Instead, she sat down, alone in the dark with the dreadful loneliness of the watcher by the dead; sat there with the man who had been her lover and master till the dawn began to grow livid in the east. It seemed to her half-crazed brain that if she could have laid him out and set lighted candles at his head and feet half her pain would have fled. But at last she, too, was forced to leave him.

Painfully, strip by strip, almost inch by inch, she burned her dressing-gown in her own grate; luckily, it was made of flannelette and inflamm- able as tinder.

But her iron blower was red hot before the thing was gone.

"Mary James has good wits!" she thought sud- denly of the girl. "But I'd better go and warn (CONTINUED ON PAGE 33.)



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Keeping Your Baby Happy

By Barbara Allen

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THE mother may be expert in baby hygiene, baby feeding and baby diseases. She may be able to apply the last word in child welfare to the upbringing of her little one but there is quite as vital a thought to be kept in mind in connection with baby lore.

We must keep the baby happy. The little one comes into the world with as vigorously growing a mind and emotional nature as body. He feels joy and sunshine and love as if not almost as keenly as he feels hunger, gratitude for his mother's smile is as heart-breaking as that which he feels for his bottle of warm milk. How, then, can we bring the right kind of life to our babies that they may grow up emotionally as well as bodily healthy?

The baby's physical comfort comes first as having an important relation to his mental health. The home that houses the baby should be sunny, well ventilated and dry. This is not always limited by the income of the family; it is a matter of selecting the sunny side of the street, the better arrangement of rooms, the better plumbing, the wider yard or space for the same rental as comfortable conditions. If it is necessary to rent a city house, the parents should consider the possibilities of improvements it holds. Can roof be utilized for play space? Is there available space for putting on a porch or bay window one side? Can the back yard be made over quickly to hold simple apparatus—a swing, a ladder, balance beam, a sand pile—for the child's future physical development.

Parents who live in small communities or in the city will not have this important light and consideration but their housing precautions for baby will be even more important. The basement or cellar should be dry. If the water supply comes from a well, the well should be so located that the water is not polluted by dangerous filth from a stable or outhouse. Nearby piles of garbage, pools of stagnant water, manure heaps, use of rubbish of any kind are all a menace to health and should be disposed of.

Sunshine makes the baby supremely happy. The one bask and warm and unfolds in it just does a flower. That room in which the sun shines the longest during the day should be used the baby's living-room. The room should have constant supply of fresh air, as the baby will much less liable to illness than when he is deprived of it. To "air" a room at intervals by opening the windows is well, but a far better plan is to have a continual stream of fresh air flowing through.

To do this the windows must be opened opposite sides of the room in order to secure a cross draft, which is always necessary to ventilation. When the outside temperature is so extremely low that a comfortable temperature cannot be maintained with the windows open, outdoor air should be frequently admitted by opening the windows on opposite sides and flushing every part of the room for a few moments. In inclement weather it is a good plan to air the nursery never the baby is taken into another room. In the mild months the windows should be kept constantly open night and day.

Although the baby flowers in the sunshine, he must be taken in his earlier months to prevent the eye strain that results from direct rays of light. The little one's eyes and head should be shielded from the direct sunlight, even when he is asleep. Neither should he be allowed to lie with his eyes turned directly toward sky, even if it is a gray day. The window blinds in a room occupied by a toddler should be made as low from the top or thin wooden slats should be used to keep the lower sash secure. All screens should be so securely fastened to have no possibility of their being pushed open. And the greatest care should be taken to protect the little one from the discomfort and danger of flies and mosquitoes. If the house is adequately screened, the baby's bed or carriage should be covered with netting. This should be arranged in tent fashion, suspended over a crude, but framework that the little one may not have discomfort that comes from the fabric touching his face.

We all know how dependent we are for comfort upon the right kind of bed. The baby's muscles are even more easily tired and cramped than ours and his bed needs to be exact-suited to his needs.

The first bed may be made from an ordinary sheet-basket or from a light box, such as an angle crate. Later a metal crib with a firm ring is desirable. Table padding or "slices" folded to four thicknesses makes a very good mattress, because it is readily washable; when washed it should be hung out of doors to dry. A sanitary crib mattress may be made by lining bed ticking with excelsior, which can be renewed as often as necessary. Sphagnum moss, straw, can be used in the same way. The mattress cover may be made of bed ticking or heavy bleached muslin, which can be emptied, washed, and dried in the sun at intervals. In case excelsior or straw is used for the temporary filling, it should be made as level and smooth as possible, and a piece of soft felt or a small comfort should always be placed over the mattress to soften the rough surface.

It is almost impossible to gauge the discomfort of resultant peevishness that is caused in the body and mind of the baby by our frequent careless choice of his carriage. The folding cart, light and inexpensive, is valuable because it allows other and baby to go to many places for air and play made impossible by a heavier vehicle. But folding carts should be used only for such trips as are taken when the mother can hold the baby for greater part of the way. Otherwise the little baby will become cramped and real pain to the child follow.

The best baby carriage for general street and nursery use measures at least two feet from the ground. A carriage lower than this exposes the baby to driving currents of cold and hot air underneath that are not only uncomfortable but health menacing. He is also jeopardized by the laden dust of the street in a lower vehicle. A high carriage should be roomy enough to hold under and upper wrappings and a comfortable pillow. It should also allow space for the baby to lie down without any resulting muscular strain. The top should be lined with green and be easily and quickly adjustable to meet any weather changes. Strong, well-balanced springs are necessary and the carriage should have wheels with rubber tires. A strap is imperative but if the can be arranged to adjust about the baby's waist, fastening at the back, this is more comfortable and efficacious than the ordinary carriage strap.

Next to baby's comfort in his best emotional development is the best home accommodation for his free, muscular play that develops him as almost nothing else does. A creeping pen affords the necessary protection to the baby and gives space for play. It consists of a fence made in four sections, each, say, 18 inches high and four feet long, hinged at three corners and latched at the fourth. Ready-made pens have spindles like a stair rail, so that baby may have something to take hold of when he drives to climb to his feet. As it folds together, the pen can be readily moved about. The floor of the pen should be made of something soft to save the baby from bumps. A cork mat is the cleanest and best material, but a blanket or rug will answer. When the pen is used in the yard a floor of clean white sand will not only protect the clothing but afford the baby who is old enough to play by himself much wholesome entertainment. A combination bed and play pen, the sides of which are covered with wire netting, is on the market. The bottom is made of flexible slats and covered below with matting. The bed has a cover so that baby is completely protected from flies and mosquitoes, and is perfectly safe. It is furnished with casters, or wheels, that it

may readily move about, and it may be folded up when not in use.

When it is not possible to purchase one of the ready-made articles an ingenious person may devise a satisfactory play pen from any materials at hand. A board six or eight feet long and a foot wide may be used to fence off a sunny corner of the nursery for a pen.

Only a few well-chosen furnishings and toys are necessary for baby play. No child should use a high chair until his spine is strong and he is able to hold his head erect. The habit of leaving a very young child in a high chair, fastened and alone, for even a comparatively short period of time is dangerous. The rigid sitting position may result in a permanent curvature of the spine. Toys should be large, washable and without sharp edges or points. Any toy that has loose sharp pieces as tassels or bells that can be loosened, and possibly swallowed, should be tabooed. The same rule holds in connection with those toys that are painted or have a woolly covering. A light basket covered with oilcloth that can be easily washed may be used to hold clothes-pins, blocks, spoons for stringing, a spoon or two and the other simple home objects that delight a child in its early months just as much as do the more elaborate and expensive toys. This basket and its contents may be easily and frequently washed and it will furnish the baby with endless delight.

The baby who is good is the happy baby. The right kind of home discipline for the child of this early age will not only keep the baby joyful but will help to establish his mental health, for a cross baby often results in a sick or ailing one. Often our thoughtless playing with the baby irritates him. A young, delicate baby needs a good deal of rest, alone. We love to hear him laugh and grow in what we think is delight as we tickle, punch or toss the frail little body, but his resulting glee is usually caused by nervousness and irritability is bound to follow. The baby should not be rocked, jumped up and down, tossed, shaken or jounced in his crib or carriage. To rest and change the position of his body he should be taken up occasionally and held in his mother's arms, but quietly, and only to rest his muscles.

An older child should be taught to sit on the floor or in his pen or crib during part of his waking hours, or he will be very likely to make too great demands upon the mother's strength. No one who has not tried it realizes how much nervous energy can be consumed in "minding" a baby who can creep or walk about, and who must be continually watched and diverted, and the mother who is taking the baby through this period of life will need to conserve all her strength, and not waste it in useless forms of activity.

When a baby cries simply because he has learned from experience that this brings him what he wants, it is one of the worst habits he can learn, and one which takes all the strength of the mother to break. Crying should cease when the cause has been removed. If the baby cries persistently for no apparent cause, the mother may suspect illness, pain, hunger or thirst. But if finally, after careful scrutiny of all these conditions, no cause for the crying can be found, the baby probably wants to be taken up, walked with, played with, rocked, or to have a light, or to have someone sit by him—the result of his having learned that crying will get him what he wants, and sufficient to make a spoiled, fussy baby, and a household tyrant whose continual demands make a slave of the mother. It is difficult to break up this habit after it has once been formed, but it can be done. After the baby's needs have been fully satisfied he should be put down alone and allowed to cry until he goes to sleep. This may sound cruel, and it is very hard for a young mother to do, but it will usually take only a few nights of this discipline to accomplish the result. In some cases persistent crying may be due to causes not readily discernible by the mother; in this event, the opinion of a good doctor as to the cause of the crying should be sought.

Thumb sucking is another habit that needs attention. To break it up requires resolution and patience on the part of the mother. The thumb or finger must be persistently and constantly removed from the mouth and baby's attention diverted to something else. The sleeve may be pinned or sewed down over the fingers of the offending hand for several days and nights, or the hand may be put in a cotton mitten. Ill-tasting applications have very little effect. There are patent articles for holding the hand from the mouth sold in the stores, but the persistent covering of the hand often works very well. The baby's hands should be kept free now and then, especially if he is old enough to use his hands for his toys, and at meal times, to save as much unnecessary strain on his nerves as possible, but with the approach of sleeping time the hand must be covered.

A good deal of the naughtiness of babyhood has its beginnings in physical discomfort. Babies who are properly fed, who are kept hygienically clean, who sleep and play comfortably in plenty of fresh air and who have been properly trained are happy, well-behaved babies. The period of infancy is more important than any later two years of life. The child's nervous system is like a series of telegraph wires carrying impulses through the eyes, ears, fingers and mouth to the brain—each impulse making a deeper habit path for itself than the last.

If these first stimuli are arranged by the mother in good, orderly fashion, there will be no danger of an emotional storm later on.

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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CARPENTER, R. B. 2, OHIO.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I have often thought of writing but at the last moment my head would fall me, but I think it was a description of Mrs. Mullikin's flowers that really woke me up and gave me courage. I love flowers and one rarely sees or hears of such a collection as she has. I would enjoy a glimpse of them. I have quite a few.

This is planting time. I wonder how many of the sisters raise their own plants? This is the way I go about it. I procure my soil and bake or heat it in the oven to kill all seeds of a foreign nature and destructive earth worms. But in a shallow box allowing plenty of room for the young plants and keep the box in the house until the plants come up and every day thereafter I put them out in the sunshine. That makes them hardy. I usually plant the seed about March 15th for early plants and April 7th for late plants.

I also make my own soap. Have tried many ways but think this the best. One can of lye or potash dissolved in one quart of rain water, let come to boil. Add four pounds of grease drippings or scraps and let boil vigorously for a short time, stirring constantly. If scraps are used, as soon as they are eaten up the soap is done. It is solid and good.

I am a sufferer from rheumatism. Can any of the sisters help me? I have doctored for several years but am getting worse.

I hope to see this in print. Good wishes to the whole family.

MRS. HATTIE WELLS.

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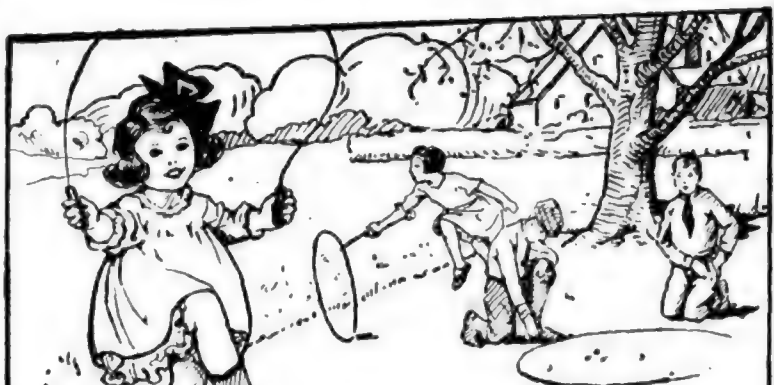
DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:

At last I have managed to get up sufficient nerve to write to the Sisters' Corner. I have wondered many times if I could write a letter that would be of interest to any one.

I am a great lover of flowers and will tell you how I have my flowers arranged. Our house fronts the west and from the porch to the gate over the walk is an arbor covered with Dorothy Perkins roses of red and pink, and inside the arbor are hanging baskets of ivy and Wandering Jew, and shelves on each side of my pot plants, the rose vines protect them from the hot sun and high winds.

On the north side of the yard I have a bed built of rock about three feet high and two feet wide, filled with rich soil. I planted a red geranium in the center and the Wandering Jew around the edge, and it is growing on the sides between the rocks, at each end of the front steps is an oleander, pink and white, growing in tubs so they can be put in the pit in the winter.

On the south side I have a large bed of Cannas, bordered with violets, and around a cedar tree is a bed of verbenas, this is also bordered with violets, and morn-



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ing glory vines running on the tree, and then I have a bed of dahlias and tuberose in the corner of the house and porch. At the front fence is a row of Shasta daisies, and in a very large bed are a mixture of roses, gladioli, chrysanthemums, marigolds and zinnias.

In the back yard, for a background is a row of hollyhocks, and gladioli, and under the water tank is an elephant ear and a large clump of cattails, at the back porch is a bed of red geraniums, and a porch box of red, white and purple verbenas, and a window box of red, white and pink geraniums, and climbing up the side and over the kitchen door is a morning glory vine.

Next year I plan to have a bed made of rocks, about five feet wide and one foot high, filled with good rich soil and planted in cosmos.

There is lots of work about flowers but I enjoy it for a home is not complete without them to me. I have seven children at home, five boys and two girls, from 14 years down to a sweet brown-eyed baby boy six months old. They are all healthy and strong and full of life and you can just imagine the noise they make for they are a merry band.

I take several magazines, some of them \$2.00 per year, but I like COMFORT best of all. I hope every COMFORT sister that reads my letter will write to me. I will answer all I can.

With love to all,

COMFORT'S friend,
MRS. ALBERT M. HUNT.

WASHINGTON, INDIANA.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I enjoy reading COMFORT and am always glad when it arrives. The first thing I look for are the pictures and then I read every letter. It's like talking to some old friends.

How many of the sisters, after making pies such as lemon, coconut, etc., mark them in the size they are to be cut, as soon as they come from the oven? It keeps the meringue from coming apart and makes a neat looking pie.



NORWOOD EUGENE DAYTON.

I am sending a picture of my little boy who was four years old when this was taken. He has light hair and big brown eyes and very fair. He likes fishing. His name is Norwood Eugene.

I would like to hear from as many sisters as care to write. I like to get letters, especially in the winter time.

I am twenty-five years old, fair complexion, gray eyes, and am five feet and two inches tall, and married to one of the best men in the world.

Love to all.

MRS. MELL DAYTON.

PENNSYLVANIA.

DEAR SISTERS:

While reading COMFORT today the idea came to me to write again, as I love the paper dearly. In fact, it's the only friend I have.

I noticed in a recent issue of COMFORT something about making coffee of wheat and I'll tell you how we make ours. To one gallon of wheat bran add one pint of cooking molasses and one-half pint of white sugar; mix through the bran so as not to leave any lumps. Put in the baker to brown and stir often so it won't burn. I use two teaspoons of this for one cup of coffee. This is not as good as coffee but we like it better and I cannot drink the real coffee.

I'll tell you why I haven't many friends. It is be-

cause I am an unfortunate girl, and most of you know how they are treated. I was scorned and have to live as a servant in my own family. I hope Troubled Mother takes that girl to her heart and loves her as her only daughter.

LONESOME.

HERON, MONTANA.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:

Is there room for a sister, one who has read your letters and profited by them for several years and who has a warm spot in her heart for all?

Molly Joe, I think you are right. One can be happy and carefree more so when single than when married. I wish you success.

Daisy Whitman, the last paragraph of your letter ought to be a cure for any movie grouch.

Stuffing Blue Chums, I don't blame you for being proud of your letter. It was an inspiration to many of us.

Contented Wife, as to teaching your little girl her letters at home, it seems as though most teachers condemn this as they use the phonetic method now instead of the old letter building idea. Last year I started my boy to school. He had had no teaching of any kind at home. He was past six years old and made the second grade at the end of the term, with a number of good marks to his credit. This year my girl, who wasn't six until November, began her first year in school, but during last spring and summer my boy, being so proud of being able to read, taught her the letters and a number of the phonics, also a few small words. This year after going two weeks in the first grade she was promoted to the second grade. So I think it doesn't do any harm to teach the letters and some small words, also how to add and count.

Mrs. Alice Montgomery, you certainly are right concerning the Bachelor and Modern girl. I've a bachelor brother with whom I've had many a lengthy argument on this subject. And in the last two years he is beginning to look at the subject the same as I.

Let me tell you how I amuse my children on long winter evenings or rainy days. We make picture frames, by cutting them out of wall paper samples and mounting the pretty pictures we find in magazines and catalogues. We also make our valentines, Easter cards and Christmas decorations this same way. Of course there is no real value in these things but it does teach the children harmony of color and takes up time that otherwise would get on our nerves. For instance, a Bon Ami chicken cut from a colored paper, mounted on an oblong piece of wall paper of pretty design and this tied to a piece of blotter the same size and shape, by baby ribbon, and with the words Easter Greeting written in colored ink, makes a very nice gift for a schoolmate or a member of the family.

Valentines are made from wall paper hearts mounted on plain writing paper background and surrounded by small gold or red hearts and a few appropriate words. One can develop dozens of pretty things in a few evenings.

I would like to get the words to an old song, part of which goes:

"The colored folks are scattered o'er the land, and times ain't like they used to be. When Massa had his say and each plantation had its negro band."

Also the words to the song, "For Grandmother Told Me So," which starts with the words:

"American Eagle, hysterical bird, oh, flap your wings and crow. For slavery's embellished, yes, dat's the word, for Grandmother told me so."

Love to all.

MRS. DELLA M. BARTO.

ROSEBURG, OREGON.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

I've taken COMFORT for three years and during that time have dropped a number of other magazines that cost more but were not worth as much. I think that tells how I like COMFORT.

I am especially interested in the letters that pertain to home making and child raising. I've been married six years and have two lively children and sometimes they tax my patience and wisdom to the limit. Their names are Theo, Jr., five, and Marie, two. Now I come to my question: I would like to know what the sisters have to say on this subject. When a child does a forbidden thing and owns up to it (which seems to be seldom), what is the best thing to do, punish him for the deed and risk him lying to save himself the next time, or let him go without being punished and maybe do something worse the next time? My boy has surely got the best of me, even though he is only a baby. He doesn't fear or care for anyone. The baby seems to be the same too. They defy you to spank them. It just seems to make matters worse.

Now for a few hints that you may already know, but I didn't always.

Odd-sized ends of crochet thread are better for working buttonholes than spool cotton, especially the soft finish for outfitting nighties, etc.

When making lemon pie filling, after squeezing the juice from the lemons, drop the rinds into the boiling water a few minutes before adding the other ingredients. Remove rinds.

If your frosting should happen to cook too long and sugar, just put some butter in a little hot water and dip a knife in this to smooth it down. This will prevent it getting hard and crumbling.

I am fitting black eaten and blue denim rompers to my little girl for this winter, to save wash and wear of under clothing.

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"How long have they been in your possession?" continued Mrs. Coolidge.

"A little over three months, madam."

"Mamma, mamma, does not that prove enough?" burst out Isabel triumphantly. "Why, she has been with us over two months, and she worked in the factory three weeks. Who would give a poor girl such jewels as those?"

Brownie's only reply to this outburst was a look of ineffable scorn, and the elder lady went on in a severe tone:

"I fear, Miss Douglas, that your story is against you. When you sought employment from my husband you were in such circumstances that you were obliged to tell for your daily bread."

A proud inclination of her head was all the reply to this query. She dare not trust her voice just then.

"And you say these jewels were given to you about that time?"

"The rich clothing, and other trifles which you have, were they given to you also?"

"Yes, madam!"

"And all by this same dear friend?"

A peculiar look accompanied this question, while Isabel's eyes gleamed in wicked triumph.

She could see whether these questions were tending, if innocent Brownie did not.

"They were," she said.

"Was this friend a gentleman, Miss Douglas?"

For one moment there came into the young girl's lovely eyes a look of perplexity and astonishment, followed by one of blank horror.

Then all the royal blood in her Douglas veins sprang to arms!

The rich color surged up from her enraged heart over her neck and face; up, up, as the full force of this horrible thought nearly drove her mad, until it lost itself among the hands of shining hair, and tingled to her finger-tips. Then it all receded, leaving her colorless as marble, and, in her proud indignation, like some avenging spirit.

"Mrs. Coolidge," she said, in the same quiet, ladylike tones, but they made the woman shiver notwithstanding, "your language and insinuation is the grossest insult to me, and again I demand an immediate explanation."

"Isabel, bring me that box," said Mrs. Coolidge, pointing to Brownie's basket which she had put on the table behind her.

Miss Coolidge obeyed, and Brownie uttered a cry of astonishment as she saw it.

"How came you by that? Where did you get it?" she said, starting forward, her lips quivering, and a choking sensation in her throat.

Her dear, precious casket, still sacred from the last fond touches of Miss Mcheta's hand, profaned by their ruthless handling!

But all this emotion was but an evidence of guilt in the eyes of those hard-hearted women.

"Is not that guilt, mamma, if you ever saw it?" whispered Isabel in her mother's ear.

She nodded her head sternly, and then turned to face her victim again.

"I will explain, Miss Douglas. The jewels which you wore to the opera are in this box with others of much greater value. Were these others given to you?"

"They were."

"At the same time?"

"At the same time, Mrs. Coolidge."

"By whom?"

"I decline to answer that question, madam," came defiantly from the young girl's compressed lips.

She had been insulted, abused; she would hear nothing more from them.

They—those evil-minded, jealous women—had gone to her room like thieves and hunted among her possessions to satisfy their low born curiosity, and having found something which they could not clearly understand, they were determined to make use of it to crush her.

Mrs. Coolidge could scarcely restrain her anger at Brownie's defiance. She was very curious to know the history of those jewels, that attractive picture, and that dancing card with its high-sounding names.

"Am I to understand that you refuse to clear yourself from the suspicion that rests upon you?" she asked, growing white with anger.

"Madam, I question your right to arraign me before you in this manner, as I also question your right to enter my room in my absence, pry into my affairs, and abstract from under lock and key things which belong to me."

"Whose picture is this?" demanded Mrs. Coolidge, taking up the jeweled locket and looking again upon that noble face.

She ignored entirely Brownie's indignant protest, although she colored deeply, for she knew that if Miss Douglas owned that box with its contents she and Isabel were the thieves.

"I decline answering," said Brownie firmly.

She could hardly refrain from crying out with pain to see those sacred relics of a lost love and a shattered life thus profaned by their rude handling.

Beware, Miss Douglas: this defiance goes against you, and I fear will be your ruin if you persist in it," said the woman majestically; then she added, feeling that she needed to make some explanation: "You see that it is something very unusual for a poor person like you to have such rich apparel and jewelry in her possession. We invite you to go to the opera. We do not wish you to wear black, and ask you to wear some other color. You appear more elegantly clad than any member of my family, and you tell Viola that it is the simplest dress you have. Now, what are we to think? Would not any mother having daughters desire to investigate the matter? You say these things were all given to you at the same time and by the same person, and only improbable such a statement appears, when we know that you have been toiling for your daily bread nearly the whole of that time? It would have taken a small fortune, from any one, to buy all these precious stones at one time, and young girls like you are not in the habit of receiving so much at once. Why, Isabel thinks herself fortunate to get one piece of diamond jewelry at a time. Besides all this, I find here a card with the names of counts and lords, lords upon it. We do not have counts and lords in America; you have never been abroad before, consequently I know you have never had any acquaintance with persons of such high degree."

Here is also a glove marked six and a half—I happen to know that you wear a six."

This was said with a frowning look at the little white hands, which were folded in a clasp of pain, and hanging against the folds of her sable dress.

"You refuse also to give me the name of the young man in the locket. Now, I can account for all this in two ways only."

Mrs. Coolidge, as she made this statement, bent her stern gaze upon the pale face and downcast eyes of the naughty girl before her, and thought she could see guilt in every feature. She thought she had very cleverly argued the matter, and paused a moment, well satisfied with herself, before clinching her point.

"And those are," she continued, in a hard, unfeeling voice, "you have either stolen them from some wealthy families with whom you have served, or—"

"Madam!"

The downcast eyes were raised now, and the fire which flashed from them seemed almost to sear the heartless woman's face.

"I dare say, mamma, she was waiting-maid in some rich family, and came by them in that way," put in Isabel spitefully.

"Do not interrupt me, Isabel. Miss Douglas, please wait until I finish before you make any remarks," Mrs. Coolidge said coldly, with a wave of her hand; then continued: "As I was saying, I think you either stole them, or you have had relations with some person which would debar you from ever entering any respectable family, though I cannot conceive how any one could be such a fool as to lavish so much upon a—"

"Cease!" came in a hoarse whisper from Brownie's lovely lips, which had grown the color of ashes, and were quivering with insulted pride and anger, while her heart stood still with horror.

The word checked Mrs. Coolidge, in spite of her insolent self-assurance, and, bad as her language had been, she was ever after glad that she had not uttered that last maddening word.

To be accused of theft had been almost more than Brownie could bear.

A Douglas accused of stealing!

But the other insinuation! She had hardly been able to comprehend it at first.

She grew sick at heart, dizzy and faint, when the woman's meaning at length burst upon and nearly crushed her.

For one moment her blood seemed turned to ice, and her brain to fire.

The next, conscious virtue asserted itself.

The proud figure grew more proudly erect, the little head was lifted with a haughty grace, and Queen Margaret Tudor herself, of whom Miss Mcheta had been wont to boast, would have glowed in the majesty of her appearance.

Then the pained, almost convulsed expression about her delicate mouth relaxed into a withering smile of scorn.

What were these two base spirits, that she, a Douglas, with royal blood in her veins, should fear them?

She turned her blazing eyes full upon her accusers, and she found they could not bear the glance; their eyes dropped guiltily beneath it.

Then, with that mighty calmness in her tones and manner, Brownie said to Mrs. Coolidge:

"Have you anything further to say to me regarding those jewels, madam?"

"Not unless I can persuade you to confess and make restitution," she answered unweavily.

"I have no confession to make; I have no restitution to make. Those articles of jewelry are legally mine—how, I do not intend to explain to you, either now or at any other time. The manner in which you or your daughter became possessed of them does you infinite credit; it is an act of which you doubtless will be proud all your life. Now, if you please, I will relieve you of them; and from this moment consider my engagement with you at an end, as, after such repeated insults I could no longer remain in your family."

She reached forth her hand to take the casket, but Mrs. Coolidge, clutching it with the grip of a miser.

"Oh, no, Miss Douglas, you cannot have this again, you have not yet proved to me that it is yours, and I cannot allow such a valuable possession to be lost."

"Who the rightful owner is?"

She sneered, white with anger, that the girl should dare brave her so.

"You can put on as many grand airs as you choose, miss, but you'll find that we know how to take them for just what they are worth," said Isabel.

"Mrs. Coolidge, that box and all its contents are mine, and I demand that you yield it up to me," Brownie said sternly, fully aroused.

"Hear the miss, mamma; do dismiss her instantly," cried Isabel angrily.

"You cannot have them, Miss Douglas, until you prove that they are yours," returned Mrs. Coolidge firmly and she closed the box with a snap.

"Then I shall be obliged to take legal measures to obtain them," returned the young girl, with decision.

"Ha, ha! hear her, mamma. She speaks like a princess, and she says she shall consider her engagement with you at an end, as if that were a matter she only could decide," cried Isabel, actually quivering with rage.

Brownie noticed her by neither word nor look.

Addressing Mrs. Coolidge again very gently, she said:

"Once more, madam, will you give up my property?"

She spoke so imperatively that for a moment the woman was staggered, and began to think she had better yield the point, for if the girl should call in official aid it might make things very awkward and unpleasant.

Isabel saw her mother's indecision, and, stooping, she whispered in her ear:

"Don't you do it, mamma; wait until papa comes, at least."

"You prize them very highly?" Mrs. Coolidge asked, after a moment's thought.

"I do."

"They are not suitable for you to wear in your position; you are poor, could you be persuaded to part with them for a consideration?"

A sudden idea had come to her that if she could persuade the governess to sell them, they would hush the matter up among themselves.

She was greedy for the jewels, and was determined that they should not go out of her hands if she could help it.

"If you will sell them for a consideration, madam," asked Miss Douglas in a peculiar tone.

"Why, if I should pay you something handsome for them, and pledge myself to say nothing more about the matter, would you give them up?"

"Really, Mrs. Coolidge, you are very discriminating in your ideas of honesty. You assert that I have stolen these things. Would you be willing to purchase stolen property?"

The woman's face grew crimson with rage at this shaft.

"You can leave the room, Miss Douglas, your insolence is insufferable," she cried, rising and pointing with her shaking finger to the door.

"You understand me, madam; I shall take the law, unless you give me my property," returned the young girl, calmly confronting her, and taking no notice of her command.

"Take the law, then; you'll have a fight of it, if you do, let me tell you, for no one will believe the tale of a governess, who has been dismissed for unworthy conduct. No, go!" cried the lady, almost beside herself with passion.

Brownie uttered no words, but walked like a queen from the room, but once within her own, she broke down utterly.

To lose those treasures, which had been the silent companions of her heart-broken aunt during all those lonely years, and around which clustered so much of hope and despair, was more than she could bear.

The little chain, too, with its golden key, which her aunt had told her to wear as long as she lived, that, too, was in the power of these cruel women.

She grew nearly wild over the thought of her loss.

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Comfort Sisters' Corner

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Another who doesn't believe in sitting around in dress and with a powdered nose, to make my love me. He would rather come home and find on the table, the kitchen clean and a few more fruit and vegetables canned for winter, a wash-some sewing done, than find me sitting in a rock-er with fancy work or magazine, dirty dishes in a corner, but wife all dolled up. I keep clean to look as neat as possible but I don't go to her of dressing up unless I can really spare the time. This very moment I'm sitting in the kitchen blue apron on. I've washed my face and combed and that is all the fixing for today, as it is supper time and I'm tired.

SHALLOWHEAD.

BELLAIR, 3200 MONROE ST., OHIO.

Mrs. WILKINSON: I have taken Comfort a short time, I have read the sisters' letters with the keenest interest. They seem to be such cheerful, loving bodies I would like to know each one personally. Especially would I like to have a talk with Mother from Kansas who seems to have a difficulty in getting along with her sister-in-law. This is my advice. I wouldn't try to get along with her, but I surely would make a determined effort alone without her. In other words, I'd move, no husband worthy of the name, if he really is wife, will endure her being bossed around by woman. I think you are doing your bit in the religion and while I am a Catholic myself and of it, I do not advise anyone to join the Church they are perfectly sure of themselves and of the If you have not mentioned your trouble to the who married you, why not do so and get his I am sure he will not urge you to join against states of your own conscience and his advice help you a great deal in your trouble.

Under how many of the sisters ever thought of our sacks as backs for home-made quilts? After and boiling them I sew together as many as and and make a very serviceable back for besides being much cheaper than muslin. I have a little line strung across the porch end and days my little daughter, three years old, spends hanging up her doll clothes with "mother's clothes

I read so many expressive words concerning the stable attitude of a mother whose son was the of making another mother's daughter "that kind of" that it hardly seems necessary for me to add a storm of disapproval evoked by this worried appeal. Yet, I have often wondered why it only all mothers of such sons feel just the same they almost invariably blame the girl. I know of where the girl, now makes for many years, get her old disgrace and her own rule, who had passed through the same experi-ence, two or three earlier, enjoys complete forgetful-her own fault but loves to dwell on the other disgrace as if it were always present. The mother to share this attitude also, as if one girl were to blame than the other, even though they have through the same experience. It doesn't seem

hope the sisters will write to me. I will try and all letters I receive.

Yours most sincerely, Mrs. Wm. J. Wilson.

MONROE, LA.

PEOPLE: neighbors and I enjoy reading Comfort, only I. am a chronic kicker, would like to have you use paper and larger type. My eyesight is poor and hardly read by lamplight. I'd be glad to pay the present price.

pleasant occupation is child raising. My oldest, who was five in July, is in the second grade and lar sport. Plenty of pep, brains and "ole hoss

The next, our only girl, not quite three, is solid as a rock in her notions, industrious and modest. The baby boy of eight months is jolly, and very active. I am very fond of them and now it, I play, laugh and read with them but see their faults and I do not hesitate to correct

I use many methods, usually one of the three, ng, coaxing or switching. Too many children owing into tyrants. Their mothers seem afraid a little routine work go to watch and help their n or they just sit back and pat their own heads, forward and think their children were descended

from Adam and Eve. Some ask if a child should be raised alone. Cer-not if the parents are healthy and competent to more children. The child that's never enjoyed r love can't understand it and is mighty slow to me the selfishness that invades this world.

Following code: 1. Parents must lead clean, deas concerning child raising. 2. Children must be raised in love. 3. Avoid patent medicines and super-ones. 4. Feed plenty of good wholesome food. 5. comfortably. 6. see that children rest and exer-nough. 7. tell the truth no matter how awkward questions may seem. 8. acknowledge your own and admit your sorrow when the children dis-them. 9. treat children as humans. 10. expect path and see that you get it. 11. preserve your with love.

Sisters' Corner is a great help.

Respectfully yours, Mrs. R. K. Allen.

AMES, 828 WILSON AVE., IOWA.

Mrs. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS: are been a subscriber of COMFORT for many years enjoy reading it, especially the Sisters' Corner.

I live in Ames, Iowa, the home of the greatest cultural college in the United States. There are five thousand students enrolled this year, both men and women. The Home Economics Course offered women is rated among the best in the country.

Universities. The Iowa State campus is con-dered second in beauty and landscape architecture. buildings are being erected annually, at present being under construction two dormitories for girls \$400,000 library.

family consists of my husband and two daugh-ers. The younger, Vivian, fourteen years of age, is in high school. The older one, Netta, is probably to some of you as she was an aviatrix. In 1917, left a newly completed college course to take up ion. She graduated from the Curtiss Aviation

in, Newport News, Va., and secured a pilot's li- in the Aero Club of America. For five years she actively followed her career—exhibition flying, stu- training, passenger carrying and commercial flying

about the United States. For eight months dur- the war she was in the service of the British Air-try. The last two years she operated the Kinner aerial meets held at the Beverly Hills speedway.

my younger daughter and I have had passenger- and I am the only mother, as yet, to have taken with her own daughter as pilot.

ta is married now and located in Los Angeles, ornia. She has a young aviator, William Curtiss horn, Jr., begun to fly in March 12, 1922. Vivian and I last winter visiting her in California. On the

we stopped at the Grand Canyon and let me say y of the sisters ever go West, not to fail to see national wonder. We were much impressed with sunny California climate, the mountains and the n. Among our many interesting night-seeing tour- a trip to Cataline Island, a two hours' ride from San Pedro Harbor, and a two hours' ride from

we went out one of the glass bottomed boats h gives one a view of the submarine gardens, and many different kinds of salt water fish in their na-habitat.

us hear from Pearl Vesey and Nellie Fischer again and all the other sisters also, enjoy them.

Mrs. W. E. Snook.

WICHITA FALLS, R. R. 4, Box 26, TEXAS.

Mrs. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS: suppose a lot of you who responded to the request y letter of last March in behalf of Ruth (my little phet), have begun to think I did not appreciate your

ness, I could not reply to each and every one of dear sisters, and the many who were not sisters sent flower seeds and playthings. Please let this personal "Thank you" to each and every one who no kind to my darling. I can truthfully say last summer was the happiest part of her life, and it was because of your kindness.

wish I could picture the flower garden to you but it would be impossible. It was truly a United States den, flowers and flower seeds from every state in Union. Everyone who saw her garden praised the

ity of it. Picture to yourselves a brown-eyed, curly-aded tot of five summers sitting flat upon the ground, in early morn till night, busy as a bee among her bers, talking to them as though they were human be-ers. Honestly, I did not know before that there were many people that possessed such kind hearts. I am named of my heretofore narrow-mindedness. God bless one and all who so kindly contributed to her

sure. Sisters, how many of you have made any of the new window shades, using a good grade of brown or un-shaded domestic, about two yards in length? Draw-eads at one end and hemstitch an inch wide hem to

run stick in on bottom of shade. Whip some pretty crocheted lace onto hem, stretch and iron and tack on to an old shade roller. You have a lovely window shade. Of course they can be varied.

At this writing the grain fields of this part of Texas are a carpet of green. There are very few hills here, mostly level land, and for miles you can see nothing but green. Wheat did not do good this past year. It was too hot and dry.

If Mrs. Frances Roth, Long Island, New York, sees this will she please write me, giving her address in full. Thank you one and all. Mrs. P. E. Boswell.

IRVINGTON, N. J.

DEAR COMFORT FAMILY: I never wrote before and have never failed to read COMFORT. I am writing for information and company. I feel like the sister from Cleveland, "in the midst of the crowd I am lonesome." I want to offer a sug-gestion. If you are lonesome, get busy. I keep a list of those less fortunate than I and on blue days I go through my scrap book, writing letters of clippings, re-calling historical events, dissecting someone's funny ex-perience, getting a laugh out of every remark; when that's done my blues are gone. Now I have a neighbor who gets melancholy when she sees the leaves come down. Here's how I cured her and helped myself. We each bought a yard and a half of fifty-four inch goods called Indian Head, seven yards of so-called Cluny lace, and a few skeins of strand floss, a total outlay of \$1.50. I am handy with a pencil and carbon paper, so I traced a bunch of cherries and a rubber robin on two corners of our goods. Then while we chatted we worked. In three days we had used our odd moments to the tune of a beautiful colored tablecloth. My neighbor was very crude as she had never tried her hand before. But our blues melted away.

Now for another, keep a list of family and friends' birthdays. As each one arrives, subscribe for COMFORT for them for a year. It is easier than ordering for the whole crowd at Christmas.

Will someone from Gainesville, Georgia, or New Hol-land or thereabouts, write about the climate, opportu-nities for work, etc., and I'll try to repay them.

Yours, with best wishes, ONE HORSE TOWNSMAN.

OREGON CITY, 916 WASH. ST., OREGON.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON: I have enjoyed your department and the sisters' let-ters for a long time and wish to thank all for many new ideas. May I add my bit by telling you of a sim-ple puzzle which I have often made to amuse the chil-dren of my friends? Perhaps it may help Sada to amuse her small boys on some rainy afternoon.

The bright colored picture covers on many of the cur-rent magazines are fine to use as they are usually well adapted for the purpose though any colored pictures will do. Procure some heavy cardboard of the same size as picture and after trimming off any unnecessary lettering on picture, paste on cardboard with a good flour paste and put under a weighted board to dry.

When dry, lay on table, picture side down and with a ruler and pencil take off in squares, triangles or any odd shapes, being careful not to mark in too small pieces or narrow joints which will be easily broken. Cut on lines with scissors. The children will work for hours trying to put the pieces together to form the complete picture and it is even interesting to the grown-ups. It teaches the little ones to go to work in per-severance. Pictures of animals are fine to use and a picture puzzle of Santa Claus makes an appropriate Christmas gift.

To the sisters who live on a farm and make their own soap, I am giving my mother's method of making soap grease from an otherwise waste product. When-ever she had a new milk cow she took from the second to ninth milking all milk not fed to calf, strained through a clean cloth and set it in pans or crocks. When cream was ready she skimmed it into a clean pail or other receptacle, stirring well after each skimming. When all cream was added she churned it with a wooden paddle, made from a clean board, gathered the butter and washed in cold water until milk was removed. The result was a nice lot of clean fat which in these times of high prices means quite a saving to those who make their own soap.

I would like a few correspondents, preferably those in remote places who have either few home ties or friends and to whom it would be a pleasure to receive and write long, friendly letters. My education has been limited principally to reading and travel and my heart turns more to the wild and less settled parts of our country, the mountains, forests and streams, the pres-ence of God, and wonderful and an inspiration to all that is best in me.

Best wishes to all the sisters. MARGARET.

DOWN IN MAINE.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS: I have been an interested listener to your chats for some time and have gleaned much good from so doing. I am twenty-nine years old and have been married three years last July.

I have had eleven years' experience in the school-room, mostly rural schools, and in so doing have lived in many different communities and have always been an interested student of human nature. Now I am wonder-ing what the sisters think of the girl of today. To me, the pace that our girls are setting is actually ap-palling. But perhaps I am narrow minded or old fash-ioned. I would like to have this subject opened for discussion. I am not referring to the style of clothing, though really clothes go a long way in making the char-acter of the growing girl, but the moral attitude. I live within thirty minutes' ride by automobile of three of the most prominent summer resorts on the Maine coast and I see a good deal of the young people on the streets especially. We hear the argument that it is no more harm for a girl to smoke than a boy. It has al-ways been an established fact that woman as a whole has a higher moral standard than man and throughout the ages it is woman who exerts the moral influence; now when our girls take up the vices of men and even seek to outdo them along that line, what are our men to have to look up to?

I am thankful I have no children for as I look around me in the different communities I can't see any group of young people that I would feel easy about my boy or girl being identified with. I do think young people should enjoy the society of others and it would be a difficult task to pick and choose. Now am I narrow minded—what do you think, sisters? One thing more, if our girls were taught to eat reasonable food and lead clean lives, nature would furnish all the cosmetics they need. The vigorous use of a wash-cloth at stated times would accomplish more than many layers of rouge and powder. A good cold cream and a little powder for the nose are useful things to have but these are enough.

Hoping to hear some interesting letters on this sub-ject, I remain, Sincerely, POLLY.

MARTELLE, IOWA.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS: I have long been a reader of COMFORT and it is my favorite among ten or a dozen magazines, papers, etc. I have never felt as though I could write anything that would be as helpful as the other letters until I read Sada's letter in July COMFORT in regard to rainy day games or plays for little boys. Of course my boy is larger than her, but he gets lonesome when the older boy is out making hay with Dad and he comes in and gets his letter blocks, dominos, toy windmill, the round boxes mantes come in, and marbles and builds a farm. Dominos make the fences, pasteboard boxes of different sizes make the barns, house, etc., and marbles are the hogs. The mantle boxes are twin silos, beside the barn and windmill. A baking powder can will do for a wa-ter tank or could be used for silo. Donald has little toy tractors and he hitches something on behind for plow, road grader or blinder. If there are two boys one can be the boss and the other the hired man. Let them have a corner of the room for their play and when they are tired of it for that day have them put it away. Donald is seven but he plays by the hour by himself. Save spoons, boxes, cans, etc., and if they have linker toys or a toy windmill they can have a nice farm.

Love to all, also thanks for all the helps I have re-ceived in my eighteen years of reading COMFORT.

Mrs. W. B. Miles.

JACKSONVILLE, 121 FLA. AVE., FLA.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON: Just a note to thank you for the library view and to send you a couple of snapshots of myself and kiddies for your album. I know snapshots don't reproduce well enough to be published so these are for you and an-swer to my letter in last March COMFORT but have a hundred or still unanswered because I did not have any success in borrowing that typewriter. However, I in-tend to answer them, for they were interesting and many wanted to know something about Florida's won-derful climate, and I may as well tell something about Florida for the benefit of those whom I have been un-able to answer.

We have nine months of summer and three months of spring, which are December, January and February. It really goes quite cold sometimes but seldom freezes. We have flowers all winter, the poinsettias, cosmos, dahlias, English daisies, pansies, yellow jasmine, azaleas, violets and roses, as well as some flowering trees and wild flowers. Magnolia trees grow to a great height with very large leaves, smooth and dark. The

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Very few escaped

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Taking Comfort

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Safely assuming that your girl is artistic and keeps more or less in touch with ideas of modern furnishings, she will first put a neutral shade on the walls and floor, and rely on her cushions, table covers, books and other small, bright-colored objects to give the needed touch of color. It will all have an informal and homelike appearance, and there will be little in the room that matches, chintz and cretonne being much in evidence.

As all girls know how to use a brush, they can freshen the floor, furniture and bedstead with a coat of paint. They will find a way to make ef-fective rugs from scraps, and cardboard will be the foundation for picture frames and baskets. A cretonne covered utility box set under the window to receive things to be gotten out of sight in a hurry must be made, for "girls will be girls." Give them a chance and they will transform an uninteresting, uninviting room into a place of tranquility and charm, which may have points well worth repeating in the living-room.

In general, the housewife cannot prudently over-look sleeping-room comforts for it is there that about one-third of every 24 hours is spent. They may be severely plain, and should be if there is much work for few hands. Money is well spent in good mattresses and springs. Mattresses should have fitted covers made from unbleached muslin. There are not a few ways of improvising chamber comforts. A very attractive dressing table can be made from two shelves held together with sides and covered with valance and scarf. A long deep shelf with hooks screwed to the under side and a cretonne curtain makes a clothes-hanging place away from the dust. Wooden boxes may have covers hinged on to use as shoe boxes, and with a fitted slip-on cover they make good-looking seats.

The general living-room comes next in order and claims much of the housewife's attention. The several scenes illustrated on the cover can well be made into one, providing the room is spacious. Space, however, may be an illusion, for a moder-ate-size room may give a sense of larger propor-tions through color, arrangement and decorations. A light ceiling with a light neutral tone for the walls and a large rug of solid color gives the ef-fect of spaciousness and calm. Avoid red in the house; it is distinctly an out-of-door color.

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In arranging the furniture, make a study of its uses. A desk should be to one side where one may sit uninterrupted. Small chairs are set in odd places ready to be brought forth when required. Larger chairs are more in evidence but should ap-pear to have been placed for a particular purpose. Near a reading table, a sewing table, or near a bookcase they suggest harmony. A sofa with long table at the back is a complete arrangement in itself, as shown in illustration.

Built-in furniture is receiving considerable at-tention in these days of smaller houses. The built-in bookcases are about the only kind we see, and with the top shelf used for bric-a-brac the effect is altogether decorative, and the cost of con-struction very small. If you have an odd-shaped jog in your living-room it can be converted into a pleasant corner in which to read or sew by building in a settle and making a mattress cushion to fit. The seat may be hinged and the space be-neath used for storage.

The living-room should never have a crowded appearance. The value of pictures are often im-paired by hanging them too closely together or with a disregard for subjects. Simplicity in-creases the artistic merits of a room, besides sav-ing a vast amount of cleaning and dusting.

Tatted Yoke & Centerpiece

ch 5 d s, 1 p, 7 d s, join to second p of last ch on rose. 2 d s, join to next p of same ch. Ch 7 d s, 1 p, ch 5 d s, 1 ring same as first, join to center p of first ring. Ch 5 d s, 1 ring, join to last ring. Repeat making 5 rings, joined with ch between, ch 5, join to ch p, ch 7 d s, join to sec-

Begin with 9 p. ring with 2 d s between, at the beginning and to close. Make a second ring joining first p to last p of first ring. Ch 6 d s, 1 p, 6 d s. Two more rings joined as before, ch 6 d s, join to p of first ch. Ch 6 d s. Two rings joined. Ch 6 d s. Join to first ch,

tween joined to second row of chs. Repeat from *.

To make shoulder straps begin with group of 4 rings using the pink or colored cotton.

First ring 3 d s, 1 p, 2 d s, 1 p, 2 d s, 1 p, 2 d s, 1 p, 2 d s, 1 p, 2 d s, close. In second ring join center p to second p of a ring which is joined to an opposite white ring.

Make third and fourth rings free.

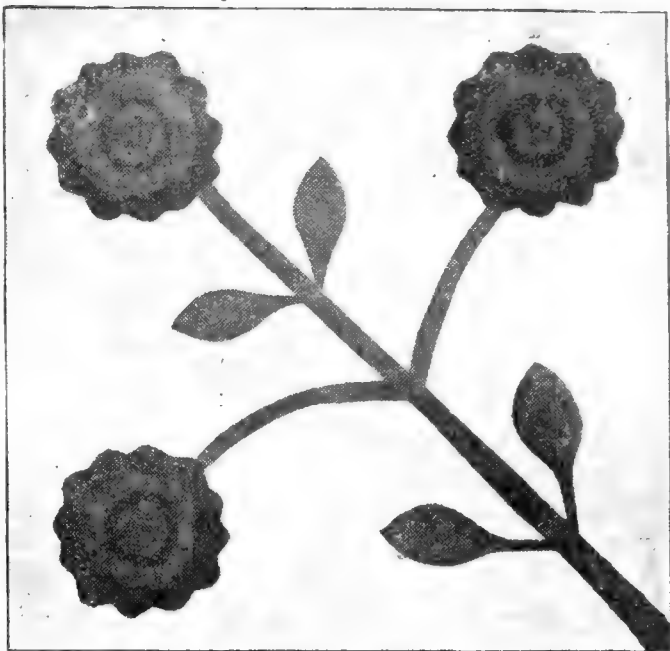
** With white make 5 rings, ch 7 d s, 1 p, ch 7 d s. 25 more white rings with pink picot chs. between. Ch 8 d s, 1 ring joining center p to center p of ninth free ring, counting from first ring beyond 2 white rings to which group of 4 pink rings is joined. This will allow 2 rings to join strap to the back, 16 under arm rings and 1 ring for the front strap.

Now make 4 pink rings, joining center p of first ring to second p of same with ring to which last p was joined. Join center p of second pink ring to second p of second ring in group of 2 white rings (see illustration).

Third and fourth rings free. Now continuing with shoulder strap. Ch 8 d s, 1 ring joining second p to center p of fourth pink ring. Make chs and rings joining chs to picots in ch of first row.

Finish with ch 8 d s, 1 ring joining second p to center p of third pink ring, ch 8 d s, join to first ring. Break thread after tying securely.

Now copy directions from ** joining ring after ch 8 d s, at end to center p of first free ring beyond first group of pink rings. Join next p of same ring to center p of first pink ring. Ch 8 d s, 1 ring, joining second p to center p of fourth pink ring. Now chs, join to chs. in last row and rings joined to rings of first strip. Com-



One of 4 blocks which are required to complete a design is here shown. Background unbleached. Leaves and stems green, roses have each centers of yellow, over red, then green, again red and green with scalloped edge. Blocks are set together with main stems crossing at the center. Submitted by Mrs. Rebecca McCray, Ohio.

chains of ecru cotton. All white can of course be used if preferred. Tatted Rose; wind shuttle with pink cotton and make ring of 6 p with 2 d s between, close.

2nd round—Join in second thread by tying to, p ch 6 d s, join to next p, repeat around. 3rd round—Same as last making chains of 8 d s.

4th round—Chains 10 d s. 5th round—Chains 12 d s. 6th round—Ch 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s. Fasten securely and break thread.

This completes rose. Make 18 more roses in the same way.

With 2 ecru threads make 1st row around rose—ring 8 d s, join to 1st p in last petal of rose, 8 d s, close. Ch 4 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, 1 p, 4 d s, 1 ring same as last joining to last p in same petal of rose. Repeat rings and chains making 12 of each.

Fasten and break thread.

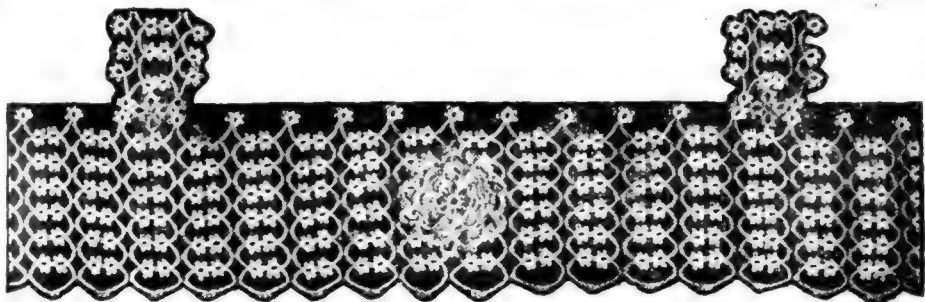
2nd round—2 rings of 4 d s, 1 p, 4 d s, 1 p, 4 d s, 1 p, 4 d s, joined to first and last picots of each ch. The side picots of rings being joined and the rings being separated by chains of 6 d s, 1 p, 1 d s, 1 p, 6 d s. Repeat around making 24 rings and chains.

Make the second medallion like first joining to first medallion by both picots of chain in last round. The third medallion is joined to first as just mentioned also to the second by 2 chains leaving 2 free chains on each medallion. Join 6 medallions in this manner forming the

MOTIF USED IN CENTERPIECE. Fig. 1.

second row of centerpiece, around the center medallion. The third round is joined in the same manner having 12 medallions always leaving 2 free chains on each medallion.

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CAMISOLE YOKE OF TWO COLORS.

ond p of second ch on rose. 2 d s, join to next p of same ch. Ch 7 d s, 1 p, ch 5 d s, 3 rings with chs between.

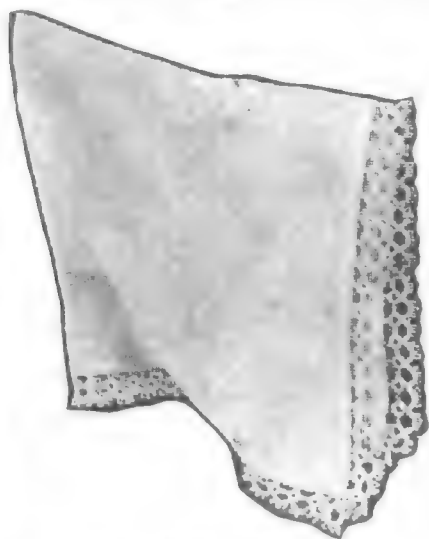
One corner of 5 rings and one group of 3 rings on the side is now complete.

Repeat around the 4 sides joining the last ch to the first ring.

Join medallions by center picots of side and two end rings.

Tatted Handkerchief Edge

Rings—3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, close. Ch between rings 3 d s, 3 p, with 2 d s



TATTING EDGED HANDKERCHIEF.

between 3 d s, close. Join side picots of rings as made

Two Original Tatting Designs

By Mary Ratliff

The narrow pattern illustrated (below) requires two threads so it can be worked of two colors if one desires. As a finish for the now popular colored handkerchiefs it is very effective



TATTING EDGE FOR HANDKERCHIEF.

ive If the rings are white and the chains of cotton to match the linen.

With shuttle make ring of 4 d s, 1 p, 4 d s, 1 p, 4 d s, 1 p, 4 d s, close. With two threads make ch 9 d s, 1 p, 9 d s, join to center p of ring.

Repeat, alternating the rings and chains.

Double Ring Edging

This is another two-thread pattern, simple but very pretty.

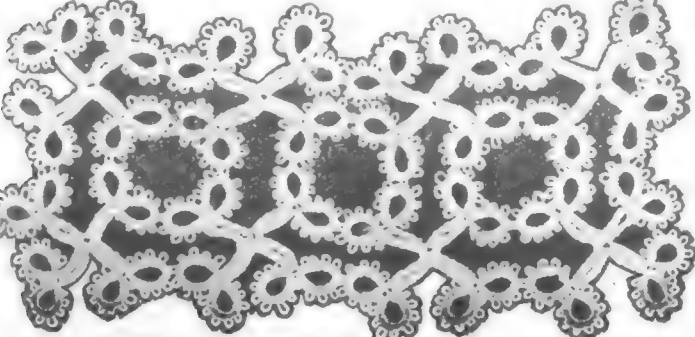
Begin with ring of 2 d s, 1 p, 2 d s, 1 p, 2 d s, 1 p, 2 d s, 1 p, 2 d s, 1 p, 2 d s, 1 p, 2 d s, 1 p, 2 d s, close.



TWO-THREAD TATTING PATTERN.

Chain 8 d s, 1 p, 8 d s, 1 p, 8 d s, 1 p, 8 d s, join to fifth p of ring. 8 d s, ring of 9 p, same as the first ring. 8 d s.

A ring same as the first ch 8 d s, join to third p of first ch. 8 d s, 1 p, 8 d s, 1 p, 8 d s, join to fifth p of third ring.



TATTED INSERTION.

Ch 8 d s, 1 ring ch 8 d s, ring 3 p, ch. Repeat for the required length.

Tatted Insertion

By Evelyn Davis

This original design is unusually firm as the chains are all double.

Wide Tatted Edge

For illustration see Page 24.

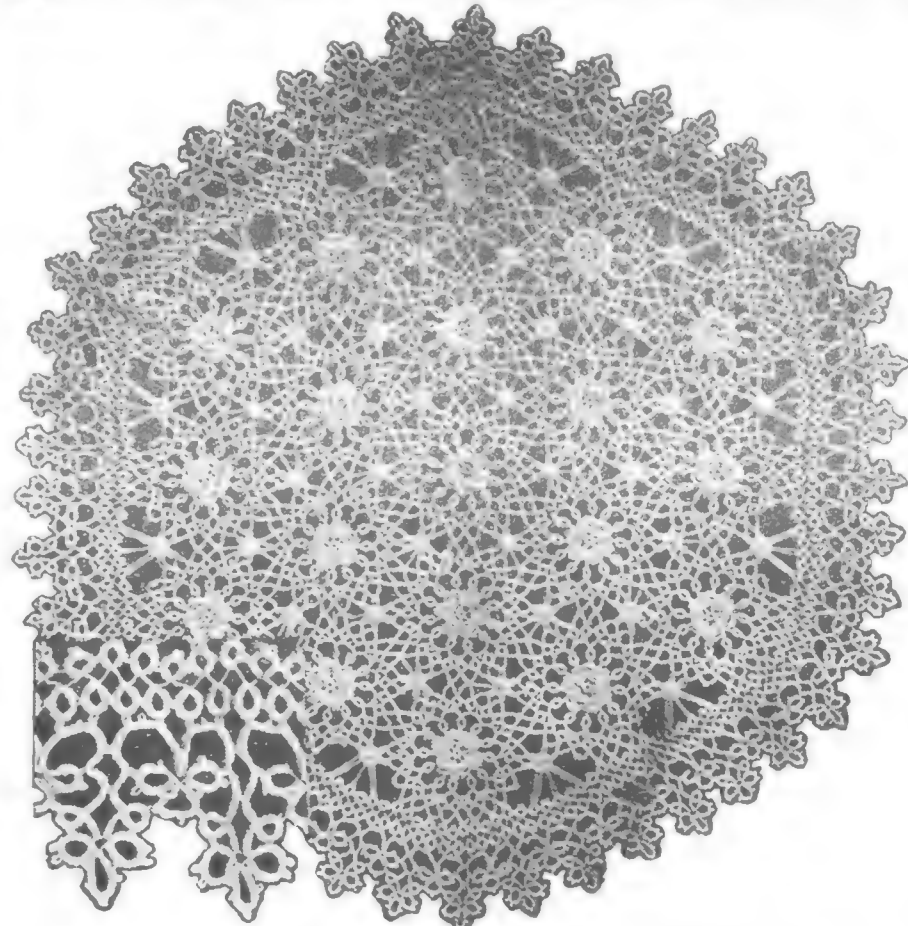
Begin with center ring of 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, 1 p, close, join, break thread.

* With 2 threads ch 5 d s, ring 8 d s, 1 p, 8 d s, for inner ring.

Ch 2 d s, 4 p, with 2 d s between. 2 d s, join to p of ring.

Repeat ch and join to base of ring. Ch 5 d s, join to p of center ring. Repeat from * 3 times, join and break thread.

This center motif is surrounded by 10 squares each of 4 double rings, joined as shown, 4



ROSE MEDALLION CENTERPIECE AND DETAIL OF EDGING.

squares along the top, 2 on either side and 2 at the bottom.

48 squares—Small center ring of 4 p with 2 d s between, ch 2 d s, ring 8 d s, 1 p, 8 d s, close, ch 2 d s, join to p of center ring, ch 2 d s, 4 p, with 2 d s between 2 d s, join to p of ring. Ch 4 p as before, join to ch 2 d s.

Repeat 3 times joining first and last picots of chain to hold 4 double rings in place.

Join rings of 2 squares to center p of each of the 4 rings of the center motif as shown.

Camisole Yoke of Two Colors

This pretty pattern

is worked throughout with white rings and pink chains, the rose which finishes the front also being of pink.

To make the camisole band wind a shuttle with white and make one of the top free rings as follows:

2 d s, 1 p, 1 d s, 1 p, 1 d s, 1 p, 1 d s, 1 p, 1 d s, 1 p, 2 d s, close.

Working with 2 threads make a pink chain of 8 d s, then * 1 ring same as the first. Pink, ch 7 d s, 1 p, 7 d s. Repeat from * until one has 6 rings (counting from the second) with p

chains between. * After sixth ring ch 7 d s, 1 p, ch 11 d s, 3 p, ch 11 d s, 1 p, ch 7 d s, 1 ring, joining to center p of sixth ring (see bottom of bands).

Picot chs between 5 more rings each one joined to center p of the opposite ring. Ch 8 d s, on 5 p ring. Ch 8 d s, 6 rings with chs be-

plete by joining last ch 8 d s, to first ring on this side.

Repeat for other strap.

For a size 36 yoke one will need to make 38 free rings at the top of the tatted band. Of these allow 9 for both the front and back, 2 for each shoulder strap on both front and back and 6 for the under arm spaces between the straps.

For a larger size add to the number of rings across the front, and also across the back if necessary.

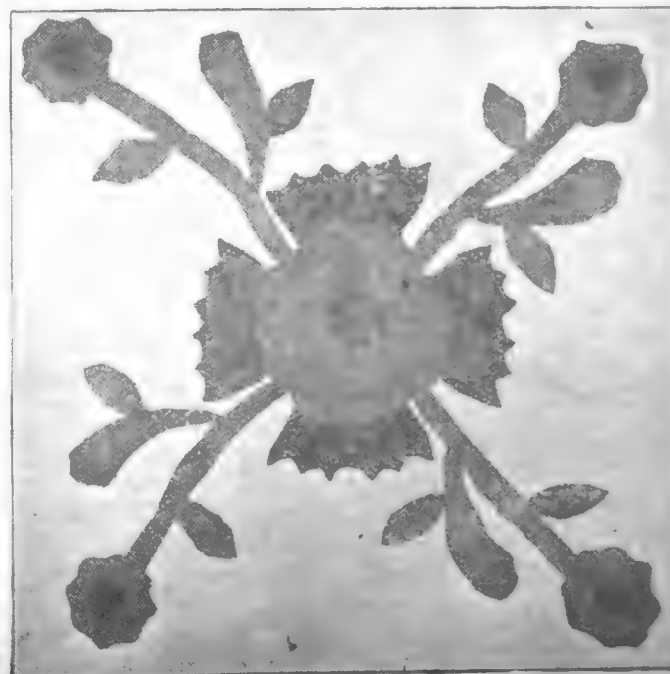
For the tatted rose which ornaments the front, use the pink cotton, following directions from * to * in Rose Medallion, with this exception, in 5th round make chs 12 d s.

6th round—7 p, chs with 2 d s between

Rose Medallion Centerpiece

By Elsie Corbin

This effective and original design has the center formed of 19 medallions (see Fig. 1) each consisting of a tatted pink rose center, surrounded by rings and



Mrs. McHughes, Tenn., submitted another rose design. The larger center circle is of yellow overlaid with a smaller circle of red. These are surrounded by 4 pieces of red, with stems of green running between to the corners. Four small roses are of yellow with red centers.

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What the Guest Should Not Do

By Mrs. Elizabeth Atwood

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IF your best friend were to tell you, as you were about to journey to another town to become the guest of a dear friend, to look out for the "twenty guest failures," you would doubtless be considerably puzzled until she explained that there are a score of ordinary little things the average guest does, for the most part unthinkingly, that are, nevertheless, unpleasant for the hostess.

Every woman who has entertained company knows full well that she delights in entertaining some of her friends and no matter whether they stay two days or three weeks, she always hates to have them go. On the other hand, there are other friends of whom she is quite fond in a general way, and yet the moment they become her guests there is a something about them and their methods that are not quite pleasant. The reason for this is undoubtedly in the fact that they do one or more of the twenty things that guests should not do. Here are the twenty:

Never "drop in" on a friend unexpectedly. Give her at least a little notice, even if you have to telegraph or telephone, and if you are invited, be sure to arrive, and just how you expect to arrive. Unless you are going to spend an entire summer of three months as the guest of a friend, never take more than one trunk, and preferably a small one at that. You can pack your toilet articles and sleeping garments in your traveling bag, and you can get sufficient clothes in the medium-sized trunk for all needs for a period of anywhere from one to eight weeks. Furthermore, do not forget to put your sleeping garment in your traveling bag. Otherwise you will have to get them from your hostess in case your trunk is not delivered on the day of your arrival, which every traveling woman knows is a very frequently happens.

If the day is pleasant go ahead and talk about it. Praise the weather, tell how you enjoy it, but if the weather be unpleasant do not make any further comment upon it than to say it is raining. Do not say that it is miserable weather and you always feel badly when it is rainy, or otherwise grumble about the weather for this does not add to the comfort of your hostess one iota; rather, it makes her feel as though your visit was not pleasing you. Half a moment's reflection should suffice to convince you that your hostess is not in any manner whatever responsible for the weather.

If you remain long as a guest in the average household a little domestic unpleasantness is very likely to occur. No man or woman is absolutely perfect. Something may displease the host or hostess, and they may have a quiet word or two about it. Never under any consideration in the wide, wide world enter into any such conversation, never make any comments to either the host or hostess, and, above all, never appear to notice these things.

If you are invited to stay two weeks do not stay a day over two weeks. When your time is up your hostess will, of course, ask you to stay longer. She may mean it and be sincere about it, but unless something happens in the household where your presence would be a help, always make your departure at the specified time. If you make a practice of this you will be doubly welcome the next time. Bear in mind that your hostess may have plans she would like to carry out as soon as you leave, and if you do not leave on the specified time you may interfere with these plans.

If you are at a friend's house for any length of time there are always a number of little bills to be paid. There may be telephone charges or long distance telephone charges. Make sure that your hostess has a "blanket" local service with her telephone, otherwise each call means payment of five cents. Then there are express bills, and laundry bills, and various other little bills. Make sure every one of these is paid before you go away.

No matter how well supplied your room may be with toilet articles, always bring your own. This includes everything for the toilet excepting, of course, towels, and one or two towels may also be taken in case you should spill any of your toilet waters or face powders, as it would not be proper to use your hostess' linen for cleaning up such things.

Another thing every guest should remember to take with her is a plentiful supply of her own stationery and postage stamps. Too many guests sit down at their hostess' writing desk and make free with her stationery and stamps. This is exceedingly bad form. A woman's stationery is generally a personal matter which she buys to suit herself, and, of course, you know that postage stamps are the same as money.

If there are servants in the house where you are visiting, never embarrass your host or hostess

by tipping them freely on every occasion. You are not in a hotel and you should take it for granted that your friends pay their servants a sufficient wage. At the end of your visit, however, it is all right to remember each servant, or at least such servants as you come in daily contact with, like the parlor maid, butler, chauffeur, etc., etc. Leave either a little present or a small sum of money for them when you go.

You may be visiting in a city or town where you have other acquaintances of whom you are exceedingly fond, but while you are the guest of one friend you should do no more than pay a call on your other friends. Never by any means stay over night with them and above all do not invite them to dinner with you.

No matter how careless you may be in your own home in regard to leaving your things about, it is quite a different thing when you are visiting. At your own home you may have a maid who will pick up the magazine you left on the couch or the kimono you left in the middle of your sleeping room, but when visiting take care of these things yourself. Do not leave your wraps lying about the house, nor your books or other personal belongings scattered here and there. You may leave your embroidery on the veranda, a magazine on the lawn and other things scattered about. This means so much extra work for your friend or her servant.

There is another habit many guests have, if they are accustomed to go about visiting now and then, and it is a grievously bad habit—and that is telling your host and hostess what a beautiful place "so and so" has. Do not say that Mr. Smith has a wonderful garden, or the drawing-room in Mrs. Jones' home is perfectly exquisite. In fact, do not comment at all upon the homes and belongings of other friends other than to say that they seem to be quite happy and comfortable for such explanation upon the homes of others is likely to make your hostess feel as though you were drawing comparisons in which her own home by no means took the lead.

Be ten times as careful of your hostess' belongings as you would of your own. If you come back dusty from an automobile ride do not rush indoors and wipe the dust from your face with your friend's best monogrammed linen. Take a face cloth or a cheaper towel for this. Never brush the dust from your shoes with your friend's towels. This seems absurd advice but it is frequently done.

The servants of your hostess are employed by her to do her bidding. When she requests them to attend to you, that is quite right, but under no consideration should you order her servants about.

Before you have been in the home of your friend more than two days you will get an idea of when they have their meals. Always be on time. By all means get down to breakfast with your host and hostess. If you have ever entertained friends you know how disagreeable it is to have to wait for breakfast. Perhaps your husband is in a hurry to get away, and you expect to get up any minute for your guests. Remember this, and always be prompt at meal time.

If there are children where you are visiting never make the grave error of telling how perfectly well trained your sister's or cousin's or other friend's child is. No matter how incorrigible your hostess' children may be or how much like angels they are, any comment upon the good qualities of other people's children is decidedly out of place and impolite.

If you go to the theater or some other place and come back late at night do not enter the house noisily, chattering and laughing for there are other people in the household who have rights and should not be disturbed. You would not do this in your own home, nor should you do it when visiting.

There are women who go visiting and buy little things for their hostess' table such as fruits, and other dainties. This is the height of impoliteness and is really an insult as it is an intimation that you are not getting sufficient foods either in quantity or quality.

Do not give pennies or any money to the children. If you want them to have a little present consult their mother as to what to get them. If you want to give them money give it to their mother for them. The chances are their mother doesn't want them to spend money and she may be greatly disturbed if the children are given a little change with which they may buy the oft-times unwholesome penny candy.

Never appear uneasy when visiting. Do not stroll to the windows or doors and look out longingly, giving the impression that you are getting dreadfully dull and feel as though you are imprisoned. Do not say, "Oh, dear, I wonder what I will do today."

If the guest will remember all these things, she will find that wherever she has visited she will be doubly welcome next time and that year after year she will be fairly deluged with invitations from her friends begging her to make them a visit.

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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flower itself is white and waxy and from six to ten inches in diameter, shaped like a wild rose.

Grapes ripen in September. We have the large, thick-skinned grapes, black and white. Apples grow only in the extreme north, and cherries are scarcely known. We have pears and peaches but very few plums as the fruit is specialized in, such as oranges, and grapefruit which begins to ripen in October. Then there are bananas, pineapples, mangoes, avocado pears, guavas, etc.

The Kumquat is a small citrus fruit, pear shaped like the lemon and is eaten along with the rest of it. The seeds are so small and orange but are not as round as the orange and are easily peeled and pith easily separated. Most of the fruit is between grapefruit and tangerines, smooth-skinned and very delicious. The seed is not a pear fruit from three to six inches long and about half an inch wide, containing a large seed. Guavas are small and round and one has to learn to like the taste. They make

Florida is noted for its scenery, seashore and lakes. Jacksonville is located on the St. Johns River which is very wide and winding. It and the Anacostia are the only two bodies of water in the world flowing along the river and pine and cypress trees are chiefly used for lumber. Our woods are mostly pine and the land is quite flat with only an occasional knoll. There are some hills, of course, but the land in general is flat. There are other woods composed of several varieties of oaks, all different from the northern oaks. Some of these are the live oak which grows to be very large, black-jack oaks and water oaks. The Spanish turquoise though gruesome at night is used as packing material and for mattress stuffing and upholstery already mentioned are yucca, cactus, cactus, waxy, wild olive, wild plum, chinaberry, wild cherry, white, pink, cerise and purple flowering myrtle, Confederate Rose, ash, holly and umbrella tree. Con-

There are not many factories or mills, some have been colored. When the city or country has road work to be done, contracts from the state prison farm are put to work. White men who have a trade usually find a small chicken or truck farm. Land is very reasonable and a great deal of it can be had for ten dollars per acre. The fishing industry is good. Conditions are good for cattle and hog raising. White women here never hire out as servants excepting as housekeepers. Schools are very good in Jacksonville and I think they must be equally as good throughout the state. I have not yet mailed my collection of library news to my home town library which happens to be in Kansas, but probably will have by the time this is published, provided it is. The state is represented in my Illinois, 12 cities, Wisconsin, each 12 cities, eleven, Michigan, nine, Iowa and Pennsylvania, each seven, Ohio, Conn., Kentucky, Oregon, Alabama, each four, Maine, R. I., New Jersey, Kansas, Missouri, Washington, Vermont, Tenn., New Hampshire, Minn., and Massachusetts are represented by cards from two

to six cities, Arizona, Miss., Colo., Maryland, Wyo., So. Dak. and La. by one city each. Would like to have honorary views from any state not mentioned and anyone in states mentioned who would like to send a card, will find they are very acceptable to me as I cannot have too many cities represented.

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In the touch of Angels

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On that first Sweet Christmas Morn.

Arthur of Avalon saw the light
That shone in the Holy Grail
Columbus too had the vision
In his ships so small and frail

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And to End is but to Begin
The veil shall then be lifted
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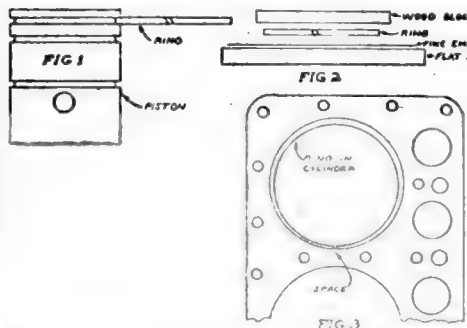
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Fitting Piston Rings

THE installation of new piston rings is an operation requiring skill. Many repairmen do not properly install rings and therefore do not obtain the results which the owner expects. The first point to consider is the condition of the cylinders. If they are scratched or out of round, the installation of new rings on the pistons will not improve the engine operation. The only remedy is to have the cylinders reground and fitted with oversize pistons and rings.

However, assuming that the cylinders are in good condition, remove the pistons and number each one so that it can be readily identified and replaced in the proper cylinder. For example, a mark with a center punch in the piston head will indicate that this piston belongs in No. 1 cylinder. Two marks will show that the piston was removed from No. 2 cylinder, etc. After numbering the pistons, the first operation is to wash each piston in gasoline. Make sure that all foreign matter is removed from the ring grooves. Pick up a new ring and try it in the groove of a piston as shown in Fig. 1. Roll the ring around the groove until you have determined that there are no binding points. Should the ring bind in one groove, try this ring in another groove. When you have determined that the ring is a good fit in the groove, place a tag on the ring to indicate the piston and groove. For example, should you find that the ring fits the lower groove of No. 1 piston, write on the tag that you will attach to this ring, "Lower groove, No. 1 piston." This wording may be changed as the workman sees fit but the idea is to mark the ring so that it can be identified. Let us now consider that we have a ring that will not fit any groove and must be fitted. One method is to obtain a sheet of very fine emery cloth and fasten it to a level surface. Smear a little oil over the emery surface. Next place the ring on the emery cloth and place a small block of wood on top of the ring as shown in Fig. 2. With this block of wood move the ring over the emery cloth. First take a little off one side of the ring and then turn ring over and grind a trace off the other side. Do not use much pressure in the grinding operation as in all probability but little grinding will be necessary to obtain a fit. Be sure to wash the ring thoroughly in gasoline before trying the fit in the piston groove.



We will now consider that we have arrived at the point where we know that the rings are a proper fit in the piston grooves.

Our next operation is to fit the rings to the piston bores. Fig. 3 shows a piston ring compressed and entered in the cylinder bore. If the ring was fitted to a piston removed from No. 1 cylinder, it will of course be tried in the bore of No. 1 cylinder. When in the position shown in Fig. 3 there should be a space of approximately .010 inch between the ends of the ring. Manufacturers give varying figures for the proper distance between the ends of the ring but in absence of the proper figure .010 inch is not a bad medium. The distance between the ends is determined by a gauge commonly termed a feeler. Obtain a feeler of .010 inch thickness and try it in the slot. If it will not enter the slot then the ring should be removed and placed in a vise as shown in Fig. 4. A very fine file should be used to obtain the proper clearance. After making sure that the rings are a proper fit in the grooves and cylinder bores, the rings are now ready to be placed in their proper grooves on the piston.

Rings are made of cast iron and they will not stand too much stretching without breaking. Extreme care, therefore, must be exercised in this operation. The bottom ring should be fitted first. Procure an old hack saw blade and grind off the teeth. Next break it into three pieces. Place the pieces on the piston, as shown in Fig. 5, and slide the bottom ring down the piston into its groove. Next slide the middle ring in place and remove the pieces of hack saw. The top ring can be stretched over the top of the piston and pushed into its groove.

If a proper fitting job has been done the rings will slide easily around their grooves but there will be no up-and-down play.

Some pistons are made with pins in the grooves to prevent turning of the rings. When such is the case the rings must be turned until they are fastened on the pins. If no means for preventing the rings from turning is provided then care must be taken to prevent the slots of the different rings from registering with one another. Having decided on the location of the slot for the top ring, the middle ring should be turned until its slot is one-third of a turn away from the top ring slot. Now move the lower ring until its slot is one-third of a turn away from that of the second ring slot. The replacing of the piston, equipped with rings, into the cylinder bore is a two-man job unless a ring compressor is at hand. One person should hold the piston at the entrance of the cylinder bore while the other person should compress the rings with his fingers so that they will enter. Compress the first ring until it enters the bore, then the second ring, etc.

If the piston enters the bore from the bottom do not push it too far into the cylinder as there is danger of the top ring leaving the cylinder bore and expanding in the combustion chamber. Unless the engine has a removable head, about the only way a ring in this position can be freed is to break the ring.

A short time ago I received an inquiry from a reader relative to the amount of clearance that a piston ring should have. I replied that pistons have clearance but rings should fit the cylinder tightly so that compression could be held. I have since wondered whether this reader referred to the piston ring groove. If he had reference to the groove then my reply was not complete. When the ring is fitted to the cylinder bore there should be clearance between the ends of the ring. Manufacturers differ as to the amount of clearance but about .010 inch is a good medium.

Lubrication Necessary

Before fitting a piston equipped with rings into the cylinder, it is first necessary to thoroughly oil the cylinder bore and piston. Carefully wipe the cylinder bore clean, after which make sure that your hands are clean and free from grit. Pour clean cylinder oil on your hand and then rub the lubricant around the cylinder bore. Make sure that the entire cylinder bore is well oiled.

Next squirt clean cylinder oil on the piston and around the rings. The piston and rings are then ready to enter the cylinder.

Helpful Pointers Traffic Signals

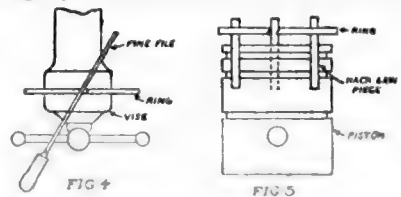
Instead of traffic signals bearing the words "GO" and "STOP," most of the larger cities are endeavoring to control traffic with colored lights. Usually this system uses three lights of different colors as signals. Should a green light be cast in your direction it indicates that you are to go as cross traffic has been stopped. When the red light is cast in your direction it indicates that you are to stop as the cross traffic has been given the right of way. When the orange light is shown it indicates that a change of signal is about to take place. For example, should the red light be against you and a change is made to an orange light, you should get your first gear engaged and otherwise prepare the car to start as the signal will very soon be turned to the green light and the course will be clear for you to proceed.

Freeing Exhaust Valve

A stuck exhaust valve is one of the common causes for irregular engine operation. The valve sticks due to the guide having become coated with thickened oil. One method of freeing a stuck valve is to squirt kerosene on the stem then pry the valve up as far as possible and allow it to snap back. If a relief cock is located above the exhaust valve, turn the motor over until the tappet raises this valve to its highest point. Kerosene squirted through the relief cock will then strike the valve head and run on the stem. Wait a few minutes and repeat the application of kerosene. Turn the engine over until the tappet lowers and if the spring does not close the valve try snapping in method above described.

Adjusting Bearings

Main and connecting rod bearings are usually fitted with laminated shims, each lamination of which is approximately .003 inch thick. Each bearing should be properly adjusted before passing on to another bearing. One lamination should be removed from the shims and the bearing screwed down tightly. Turn the engine over with the



Condensation

If gasoline drains from the carburetor immediately after the engine is stopped it is not a conclusive sign that the carburetor is leaking. If the draining stops in a short time, the indication is that the condition is due to the vapor that remains in the manifold having condensed and run down and out of the carburetor. It is a natural condition and requires no remedy.

Body Squeaks

After you have tightened all the body bolts and find that you have not got rid of the body squeaks, try loosening the bolts and squirting a little lubricating oil around each bolt. Be sure to tighten each bolt after oiling.

Adjusting Spring Shackles

When adjusting spring shackles draw up the bolt or nut until it is tight. Next back out the bolt or nut about a quarter of a turn, after which the adjustment should be considered as properly made. The bolt or nut should never be tightly drawn up as this condition causes the spring eye to be held rigid. The spring eye must be free to turn on the bolt as otherwise there is danger of breaking off the end of the spring. Usually provision is made for anchoring the bolt or nut and after making the adjustment this feature must not be overlooked.

Answers to Correspondents

BABBITTING.—My car is a 1914 model Oldsmobile. Please tell me how to babbit the connecting rods and main bearings. Could I make my own jig for that purpose, or where can I get information concerning that matter?

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A.—From the description you have furnished I am inclined to believe that your trouble is experienced when the motor is cold. Unless the carburetor is choked when first starting out, the motor is apt to stall. Allow the motor to warm up for two or three minutes before starting out. If, however, the clutch grabs suddenly when engaged, the leather may need softening with neat-foot oil or the springs adjusted.

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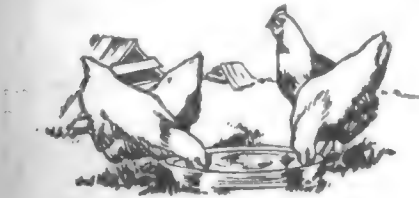
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The Sitting Hen and the Cause of Chicks Dying in the Shell

THOUGH I am a strong advocate of artificial incubation, Biddy takes preference for rearing future stock, and for hatching small numbers of ducks, geese or turkey eggs.

Do not think that Biddy must be allowed to remain in the nest she claims in the chicken-house, for such an arrangement always breeds trouble; every hen will desire to lay in that particular nest, even if there are twenty others vacant. Then, if Mrs. Biddy is of a pugilistic disposition, there are fights and broken eggs. If she be of the angelic type, and allows intruders to crowd into her nest, she gathers the eggs to her motherly breast, and the warmth soon renders them unfit for table use.

To avoid all trouble of this kind, devote some

small building to the exclusive use of sitting hens, where they will be free from all disturbing influences. Arrange nest boxes, with hay in them, all around the sides. In the center of the floor two boxes filled with fine ashes for the sitters to bathe in are needed, as well as a drinking fountain and a pan filled with whole corn mixed with sharp grit—four portions of the former to one of the latter. Fill up the pan and water fountain every morning. Cut a large turnip or cabbage in half and lay it on its side in the center of the nest, so as to keep the cut side firmly upmost; then whenever Biddy assaults any of the occupants of the house, they can eat and return to their nest without being disturbed.

When you see the same hen on the nest each time you go into the coop, it is a sign she is getting broody. If she is still there when you look up for the night, she is ready to be set.

Being sure of a broody hen, go into the house when it is almost dark, stoop down in front of the nest, and place your hands over Biddy's, the fingers passing over the body and picking up the feet. In this way she is easily removed without any fright being caused to the other inmates of the house. Carry her outside, then hold her by the

two feet wide and one and a half high, made of shingle slats and set around the sides, ends and top with two inch mesh netting, which is placed over the nest when the hen is first set, if she seems at all restless. Some hens always have to have the cage kept over them, or after feeding they go into the wrong nest, leaving their own. Obviously, when the cage is used, food, water and all the needs must be placed inside.

First, we will take the case of eggs set under hens. It often happens that hens will sit well until the last twenty-four hours, then get nervous and idly. Sometimes Biddy gets hungry or thirsty and leaves the nest. This is often the case when hens are allowed to set in the chicken-house or shed their nests around the farm buildings. But if no one happens to notice them when they come off to feed, they may go back to their nests with only a half-filled crop, or the nineteenth of twentieth day, which will force them to leave the nest again before the hatch is completed. As the warm weather advances in the spring, vermin may worry a hen into leaving her nest. Rats often scare a hen into leaving the nest when she is sitting outside, or another hen may fight her while trying to claim the nest to lay in. In fact, there are, of course, numerous accidental causes for the hens getting off the nest in the last forty-eight hours, when they should

All this handling must be accomplished as nearly as possible in the dark, and as it is not always convenient to do it during the short time of dusk, a lantern must be fixed up for night work; paint all but a strip of the glass with black paint.

As the moving and powdering are likely to make the hen restless, three or four china nest eggs are put into the nest at first; then, when she has settled down to business, it is an easy matter the next evening to change and slip real eggs under her. The ordinary sitting of hens' eggs is thirteen in number, but a large hen can safely be given fifteen, especially as the weather becomes warmer.

About the seventh and fifteenth days after the sitting has begun, the hen should again be powdered.

Always try and set two or more hens at the same time. You can then give the two clutches to one hen, returning the other hen to the chicken-house, where she will soon begin laying again.

When Biddy has been sitting twenty-one full days, listen; if you hear a twitter in the morning, wait for the evening before slipping your hand under her to remove the dry chicks. If it is evening before you hear any sound, wait until the next morning.

The object is removing the young ones is that the hen, in moving around to help the later chickens out of the shell, may not be able to avoid trampling on and injuring those already out. At the same time clear the nest of broken shells, for there is danger that a broken section may get fitted over a piped egg, thus excluding the air and smothering the occupant.

The newcomers must be wrapped in flannel, put in a blanket, and kept warm behind the kitchen stove. Wait twelve hours longer; then take all the chicks, remove the hen to her future home, fasten her in, and give her a good feed of corn. Place before the coop a run three feet long,

made of slats and half-inch wire netting or boards a foot high so the little ones cannot wander away and get lost. Coops are best kept in the full sun until the middle of April. After that, place them under a tree for shelter and shade. All grass under and around them should be cut short, so that dew and rain will dry off as quickly as possible and make it easier for the chicks to eat. Each family should be six feet away from all the others, for some hens will walk over to squabble on any baby that is foolish enough to mistake home and mother.

What Causes Chicks to Die in the Shell?

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foot, head down, and proceed to dust her feathers thoroughly with insect powder from the dredge. When it has been well rubbed in, gather her up in your hands in the same position as when you took her from the nest, and hold her until she is quiet again. Then place her over the nest and the eggs, releasing her gradually as you feel her settle down on the nest.

Perhaps the most frequent cause of chicks dying in the shell when eggs are set under hens, is the owner's anxiety to help things along. During the last thirty-six hours, it is imperative that the warmth and moisture generated by the be retained in the nest, and if someone is continually lifting the hen partly from the eggs to take away hatched chicks or to see what is hap-

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March: The Get-Ready Month

WHEN the roads are hub deep with mud and the land is too soft to drive a wagon on, though we humans are impatient to start the spring's work and cannot brook delays, we cannot control the weather and must make the most of conditions as we find them. For those who make the most of their time, March offers a real opportunity to do up a lot of odd jobs before it is too late—jobs that will remain undone throughout the year unless they are done now. They are to be found on every farm if we only look for them. To mention them all would not be possible in the space at our disposal, but we take space for the commonest or most important.

Soon there will be early spring pigs and lambs to care for. Are we ready for their arrival? Is the lambing pen clean and disinfected and white-washed? Has the farrowing pen been cleaned out with scalding water, then disinfected or white-washed, since it was last used as a nursery? Perhaps there are colony houses to repair, or new ones to build. If so, now is the time to play carpenter.

Has due thought been given to the ewes, sows, cows or mares that are soon to "do their bit" toward increasing the census of your farm's livestock? Ewes need plenty exercise, fresh air, sunlight and succulent feed such as chopped turnips to insure healthy strong lambs. The same holds true for sows in a measure, as successful hog raisers all know. Though many swine raisers believe that selling time is the real "hog raiser's harvest," the truth of the matter is that farrowing time tells the tale: the farmer who loses pigs at this time starts under a handicap, and no matter how well he feeds he cannot really overcome his losses incurred right at the start. But we have mentioned all these points before, and repeat only because we are so thoroughly interested.

Hotbeds, too, have been dealt with in these columns. Moreover, the agricultural experiment stations in each state have bulletins devoted to this subject that may be obtained free upon request. Perhaps a gentle reminder that spring spraying time will soon be here is in order. Why not stock up with the necessary materials such as copper sulphate (bluestone), quicklime, arsenate of lead, etc., on the next trip to town? It may save a special trip later on. The same holds over the spraying outfit to see that the barrel does not leak, that the pump works as it should, and that the nozzles are not clogged. Nothing is such a nuisance as a nozzle that does not work as it should, and most orchardists who have blessed a corroded nozzle will put their O. K. on our statement.

When and How to Prune

"Prune any time your knife is sharp" is the customary practice in large commercial orchards. Here it is necessary to prune every day when the weather permits from November to April in order to accomplish the job before spraying commences. But in smaller farm orchards where the owner is at liberty to choose the best time for this work, March or early April pruning has been found most satisfactory, for wounds made at this time start to heal almost immediately.

The manner in which the job is done is more important than the time, however. Better do it when the opportunity presents than fail to do it at all—a common oversight that is borne out in the presence of so many water sprouts in orchards everywhere.

Give all orchard trees a thorough examination this month. If trees have been planted too close together, mark or "blaze" the poorest ones for removal; then, when time permits, chop them out to give light and room to good trees that have been prevented from bearing heavily in their former crowded condition. Also cut out all trees that are found to be badly diseased or that have been damaged beyond repair by winter storms. To advise that all diseased trees or limbs be promptly burned may seem unnecessary; still there are orchards where the "slashings" are allowed to remain on the ground to continue as a menace to healthy trees.

There are really three aims to be kept in mind in all pruning. First, strive to get good light and ventilation to all parts of every bearing tree. Second, keep each tree reasonably low, the height of course depending in a measure on the variety of growth. Third, keep trees in fruiting condition by removing water sprouts and all diseased portions.

Putting a neglected bearing tree, that has never before been pruned, into good condition usually takes more than one year, for if such a tree is severely pruned the first season a dense growth of slender whiplike water sprouts is almost certain to result. Therefore the reclamation of a long neglected tree should be spread over two or three years. In the first pruning cut out all dead wood; remove all stubs or diseased branches; cut off all water sprouts except those which are left to grow and replace limbs lost through disease or injury; cut off or remove, as the case may be, all interfering branches unless these are so numerous that the work must be distributed over a period of two years; if the tree is tall or if the growth tendency is upright, cut back top growth to stimulate the development of side branches (laterals).

Spring Bee Management

The time when bees should be taken out in the spring is generally based upon the blooming of the willows. Naturally this time varies from early March in the South to mid April in the North. Few if any beekeepers find that it is safe to remove bees as soon as the snow disappears. If the bees are given no outside protection the time of their removal from the cellar should be governed largely by their condition. If they are not restless nor suffering from dysentery they should be kept in the cellar until early April in the North, unless the weather is warm enough for them to fly and be continuously active. If bees are protected by a windbreak and outside covers they may be taken out late in March with safety.

Little if any good unless they are so made and fitted that they completely cover the hive and are tightly fixed all around the bottom.

Grow Wilt-Resistant Tomatoes

Tomato wilt causes an annual loss of more than 115,000 tons of tomatoes in the United States, but by planting the new wilt-resistant varieties this loss can be entirely overcome. Three varieties of tomatoes developed by Fred J. Pritchard, plant physiologist in charge of truck crop disease investigations for the United States Department of Agriculture, and another variety developed by the same investigator working cooperatively with J. B. S. Norton, place within the reach of tomato growers four varieties that are highly resistant to the disease. On land that is so heavily infected with wilt that ordinary tomatoes will not grow upon it, these new resistant strains are now producing heavy crops of excellent fruit. They are selections from three of the best known commercial varieties of tomatoes grown, the Greater Baltimore, Stone, and Merville des Marches (Marvel of the Market), and they possess, in addition to wilt resistance, all the good qualities of their parent varieties. Moreover, extensive field tests have shown them to be well adapted to all parts of the United States in which tomato wilt is present, thus placing them within the reach of growers everywhere.

Very few of the better known commercial varieties already on the market possess any great degree of resistance to wilt. The Duke of York and the Buckeye State, apparently one variety under two names, are highly resistant, but the quality of fruit produced is not of the best. Livingston's Globe is somewhat resistant, but its purplish fruit does not meet with the approval of canners and is also discriminated against for the same reason in many markets. In the South, where this variety is most extensively grown, it is very susceptible to nail-head rust very prevalent there. Apparently there is a grave need throughout tomato growing regions for the four new wilt-resistant varieties already discussed.

Ten Rules for Raising Chicks

"It is the first week or two of a chick's life that really counts," we are told again and again by experienced poultrymen. Of course the chick has a long road to travel from the time it is hatched until it becomes either a broiler or a good laying pullet, but if it gets by the first few weeks of its young life it is then well started and its chances of thriving improve daily.

Here are ten rules which every poultry raiser can well afford to practice:

1. Use healthy, active and, if possible, free range breeding stock.
2. Have hovers warm enough, so chicks will not crowd underneath. A cold hover is dangerous.
3. Give milk or buttermilk to drink right from the start. For the first ten days feed at least five times daily, but feed only a small amount each time.
4. Keep chicks busy and do not feed enough scratch feed to fill their crops more than one-third full except the last feeding at night. (This is very important, though it is commonly overlooked, and dead or "peppish" chicks are the result.)
5. Do not have any drafts where chicks sleep.
6. Watch chicks closely at bedtime to see that they do not crowd or get packed into corners.
7. No matter how cold, get chicks out of doors as soon as possible, but see that they can run to the hover whenever they desire.
8. Commence feeding green feed when chicks are about a week old, preferably having them run on green clover.
9. Keep close watch for mites. If they are not controlled, no chicks will be raised.
10. Give more room and more air as chicks grow larger. Don't crowd.

The Right Calf to Raise

Many farmers and some dairymen too, for that matter, still cling to the old-fashioned method that one calf is just about as good as another—that "calves is calves." Of course many now recognize the value of good breeding, choosing their beef calves from dams of high and consistent production. But breeding alone should not be depended upon in the selection of calves that are to be raised and kept to form the herd of the future. The appearance and "typiness" of the calf itself must be taken into consideration, for even at a very early age there are certain "earmarks" of desirability by which we may judge or estimate the value of the cow in the making. Often old stockmen call a calf of the right sort "a likely looking critter"; few of them could tell the points upon which they base their judgment. But there are well-recognized points, nevertheless, known to our most successful dairymen, dairy judges and dairy experts at the various agricultural experiment stations. We sum them up briefly for those who may have an opportunity to buy good calves cheap, or who may wish to pick out their best calves and sell the remainder for veal.

First study the calf's head; it will tell you much about the breeding, quality and future value of the animal. The eyes should be large, bright, clear and indicate good health. Face should be medium length and free from fleshiness—what old dairymen call a "sweet face." Large, well-dilated nostrils are desirable, as they permit free and ample breathing. A large, broad muzzle, combined with strong jaw, points to the good and economical feeder.

Now stand out in front of the calf and give it a more general "once over." Avoid a calf that stands on several repeated tests, with its front legs close together. This indicates poor constitution. The calf that stands with its good sturdy, straight legs set well apart is the kind to pick out, for this posture indicates a roby and wide chest well started in the making. Good lungs are absolutely necessary for strong constitution.

Next move around to the side of the calf. Look for a neck that is neat, slim and of medium length. A short, thick neck is a strong indication of beef type. In a dairy cow this usually is shown as the animal grows older in a tendency to "put fat on its ribs instead of milk into the pail." Economical, high and persistent milk production in a mature cow is seldom combined with the beefy type with a thick and heavy neck and a well-fleshed body. The best milkers tend toward thinness, and this holds true in the calf in a measure, though we do not wish to imply that a calf should not be plump and healthy looking. It should. Time enough to show its ribs when it begins to milk; until then plumpness proves that it is receiving more than enough feed to produce normal growth. The neck should blend neatly into the shoulder, and the shoulder itself should be spare of flesh coming to a distinct crest or ridge at the withers.

Look for a good straight top line from shoulder to tail head. The calf with a sagging back will grow into a "away-backed" cow. Length of back is also important; a long loin indicating ample carrying capacity. Well sprung ribs combine with the long back to make room for the

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stretch and tack to a bare floor. When dry, ap-
ply two coats of first-class varnish, allowing sev-
eral days between coats.

When rugs or art squares curl at the sides it is
usually because they are stretched. To remedy
this, take carpet thread or warp, and make paral-
lel runs quite close together for about one edge
back from the edge. The thread is drawn just
tight enough to overcome the stretching, and the
stitches will not show above the nap.

Strips of matting sewed together also make
good rugs but they require an occasional tack to
hold them in place. Matting carpets are not
satisfactory as they sift dust and acquire a musty
odor in damp weather or if the room is closed.

A good crack filler can be made at home if you
can obtain sawdust from a sawmill. To make,
have the sawdust absolutely dry, and mix all you
can into hot glue. Fill cracks at once. Smooth
and paint the floor.

Drawer with Tray for Silver

Any drawer can be made to do double duty by
building in one or more trays, according to the
depth of the drawer. A glance at the illustration
will show a small strip of wood tacked to the side
of the drawer, and there is a corresponding one
on the opposite side. A shallow tray, just long
enough to admit a dinner knife, slides on these
two strips. The tray contains different sized
spoons, forks and knives. The bottom of drawer
is kept free for kitchen utensils such as mixing
spoons, cutters, egg beater, rolling pin, etc.

Air-Dried Dishes

Anyone who has a window over her sink can
turn it to great account as indicated in the ac-
companying illustration. At first thought, air
drying dishes may not seem a practical solution
of shortening the hours consumed in dish wash-
ing, but, in fact, it works admirably.

Of course one must have plenty boiling-hot
plate water. Wash glasses, silver and table dishes.
Have a pan of hot water plunging dishes in and out
and set to dry in the rack. The silver will nearly
dry at once, but should be finished with a wiper
to prevent streaks. The rack is invaluable for
drying bottles and glass jars on the inside. It is

The drawer is very simple to make. Cut two
of boards the desired height, and a bottom board
between just so the which will easily slide
in and out between the window casings. The
bottom board is fastened to the end boards and a

board. Two strips of wood are tacked to each
end board, and to these are fastened the side
boards, which the dishes are to dry on. The
glass is placed in the rack, and the silver is
hung over the top ends of the strips.

After the dishes are dry, the rack is removed
by means of a long board and a screw.

A Closet That Revolves

It takes but a glance at the illustration of this
revolving closet to appreciate what a handy device
it may be at one end of a clothing chest. In small
closets it is especially useful.

Shelves are placed and everything is placed in the
closet without confusion or crowding. The revolving
board is turned by means of a handle at the end.

When the revolving board is turned, the clothes
are brought to the front, and the revolving board
is turned back to its original position. The revolving
board is turned by means of a handle at the end.

Comfort Cleaning Truck

A platform built on a firm thick enough to
take large-sized castors makes one of the best
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On cleaning, or days of general sweeping and dust-
ing, all the tools and materials may be set on
the truck and drawn to where needed.

A knee pad to slip under the knees when it is
necessary to get down makes the position more
comfortable and not so tiresome. Use the best
part of an old blanket table cover, as it will not
absorb dampness and can be wiped. Make the
padding a piece of old carpeting, quilt or rug to
the desired thickness.

An apron of black cloth after the style of a
sewing apron with pockets is of inestimable com-
fort on sweeping days. Damp and cold dusters
will not hurt it, and one can have at hand a cer-
tain brush, a hammer or screw-driver, tacks and
hooks just when they are wanted.

Kitchen to Cellar Lift

When you consider that a simple chute con-
taining a set of shelves can be made to do the carry-
ing between kitchen and cellar, it does seem as if
every woman is entitled to have one built into
her house; that the wearying task of so many
daily trips going down and up cellar stairs may be
lessened and the loads carried for her by the
enclosed lift or dumb-waiter.

Any man who knows anything about barn ma-
chinery or lifting devices would have no difficulty
in installing this household comfort. Right here
a neighborhood plan might be evolved whereby
skill, labor and materials might be made co-
operative in providing each woman with one of
these silent helpers.

With the cellar opening protected by a screen
door, food can be put on the lift shelves and
lowered into the cellar to keep cool until required.
All the milk can be lowered and returned to the
kitchen, the canned food can be sent down, be-
sides endless other uses it may be put to.

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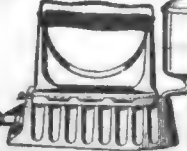
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Comfort's League of Cousins

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9.)

How many of you cousins are from Virginia? I am, for one, and have been to the Crabtree Falls—which has seven falls and is beautiful to gaze upon. I'll return favors the best I can.

Best of love to all.

DOROTHY DILLARD.

Dorothy, "we all" would sure like to help you in your great problem, but I'm afraid if you wait until all the thousands of votes are in and counted, that your "medium brown" hair will be reaching down to your dainty arched insteps or high heels. And just suppose after all your waiting and counting you found that the votes came out exactly even! It really would be much better to toss up a cent—and if it did not come up the way you wanted it to, why you could toss it up again and keep tossing. My own confidential guess is that you'll have your hair prettily bobbed before this is in print, because, Dorothy, my dear, you say, "I want to bob my hair," and if you want to, I think you'd do it without waiting to see what we all may think about it. I asked Bill about your problem and he looked gloomily over his glasses and growled: "Let her cut it all off. There'll be less to shampoo." But then you know Bill. His temper has been bobbed for a long time.

As a compromise, Dorothy, I suggest you bob one side and see how you like it. This would be equal to the plan of a certain college professor I once heard about. He had decided to shave off his mustache and had cleanly removed the left half when he commenced to think what his wife might say. So he went to her, razor in hand, and asked, "How does it look, my dear? If you don't like it, I won't take the other half off."

And so if you didn't like the bobbed effect, Dotty, you could leave the other half unbobbed—or else make a clean job of it as Bill nastily suggested: But don't wait for us all. We'll like you with long hair, short hair—or just none at all.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA:
I have contributed the third verse to that song which Monroe R. Davis of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, wanted so bad. She stands on three legs now: one stuck up in Poplar Bluff, one stuck in your den in Brooklyn, and the third one up in the frozen zone of Canada. So the song should stand for ever and ever. If it is all right print it; if it is all wrong, give it to that Goat. Some of the Comfort Sisters have got my goat.

As ever, OLD SCISSORBILL,
(A. R. WALKER.)

Well, Old Scissorbill, it was good to hear you gurgled again and know you were not so frozen up and blown away that a little bit of melody could not emerge from your windswept throat. A bunch of cousins and "potes" sent in third verses to complete Cousin Monroe R. Davis's song. Some of the efforts were good—but most of 'em were pretty bad. Bill had to choke a little to get 'em down. Your idea of replacing the powder puff by sandpaper I thought made your verse interesting and also the notion of a girl bulldog stopping cannon balls with her teeth in a thick fog. Your imagination keeps above the freezing point up in Alta, Old Scissorbill. I'm keeping my promise and am writing the chorus so that the completed song will run as follows—I hope Cousin Monroe will be pleased after you and I have done so much work:

The Powder Puff Sailor Girl

(By request of Monroe R. Davis, Poplar Bluff, R. R. 2, Mo.)

She went to a tailor shop and dressed up as a man,
And then unto the sea captain and asked to hire as a hand:
"Your arms they are too slender, your fingers are too small,
Your cheeks they are too rosy to face the cannon balls."

CHORUS.

Oh, sail away! Oh, sail away! Upon the broad blue sea—
There's many a girl that's left behind but there's one girl for me!
And that girl's cheeks are rosy, and that girl's lips are red.
She chucks no bluff with a powder puff,
And a sailor she will wed!

Cried she, "Oh, Mr. Captain, I pray you change your mind!
My heart it will be broken, if I am left behind:
My arms you may think slender, but they are long and tough,
And if my cheeks are rosy, I'll buy a powder puff."

CHORUS.

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And that girl's cheeks are rosy, and that girl's lips are red.
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And then the captain answered: "Oh, you're from Poplar Bluff;
Why, with a piece of sandpaper, we'll make your face look rough.
We'll make those rosy cheeks of yours look like an old bulldog,
So you can stop the cannon balls out of the thick fog."

CHORUS.

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And that girl's cheeks are rosy, and that girl's lips are red.
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DEAR UNCLE LISHA AND COUSINS:
I have just finished reading the cousins' letters and thought I would write. I live on a ranch forty-five miles from the nearest town. My father is a cattle man. Our ranch is in a canyon called "Nawep." It is an Indian name meaning "parting of the waters." There are high mountains in all directions. They are pretty in summer but they look awful dreary in winter. I like to ride horseback and help with the cattle.

I go to a country school where there are never any more than ten pupils. I am in the ninth grade and I am fourteen years old. I expect to be a schoolteacher if I ever get big enough. Not long ago I read a letter from a cousin who wanted to live forty miles from town—if there was such a place. Now I haven't been to town for three years!

I believe I will close. I wish some of the cousins would write to me and I will answer all I can. Billy, I heard luddly say the other day that he wanted some goats to eat the oak brush out of the pasture—so you come out and eat oak brush and leave my letter alone, come out and eat oak brush and leave my letter alone.

Your new cousin, ESTHER CASTO.

Esther, you seem to live in a sort of Valley of Tears—where the Indians wept so much there was "a parting of the waters," one river going from the right eye and the other from the left, I suppose. I don't wonder it is dreary with you in winter. Esther, with all those frozen tears dripping from the high mountains and even the wind sobbing through the pines on the canyon's sides. I must not write any more about it or I will be crying myself and rusting my old type-writer more than ever.

I like that small and select school of yours, Esther, with the ten pupils for the nine grades. This makes one pupil for each grade and one left over. You see I can do simple division, too. With small classes like this you ought to get lots of what the teachers call "individual attention."

When I went to school I remember a boy who sat near me who used to spend most of the session wiggling his ears and chewing slippery elm. This chap used to get so much of the teacher's individual attention (and our teacher was a wily cuss) that he never was able to remove his geography from the seat of his pants. The poor fellow used to study from mine, wiggling his ears at every lethargy, cape and promontory. He told me his map of Asia was worn so thin that you could not find the Himalayas.

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part is soft, then slip the tips under the water and boil five minutes longer. Asparagus will usually cook in twenty minutes. Make oven toast, dip into melted butter, lay into a hot serving dish, cover with the asparagus and lay several slices on top. Pour a little melted butter over the asparagus.

STRAWBERRY PATTIES.—Invert gem tins and cover with a good pastry; prick with a fork and bake in a quick oven. Remove from tins, and when cool fill with cut-up strawberries, sprinkle with sugar and top with white of egg beaten with powdered sugar to the desired sweetness.

BANANA AND RHUBARB JELLY WITH LETTUCE.—Cut unpeeled rhubarb into inch pieces, grate in a little lemon rind, add a very little water and stew until well separated. Strain. Sweeten. To one pint of hot rhubarb add two tablespoons of granulated gelatin that has previously been soaked in a little cold water. When partly set, stir in one large or two small bananas cut into small pieces. Dish into individual servings and set away to cool. Arrange the jelly on nests of lettuce leaves and decorate the plate with slices of banana.

RHUBARB PIE.—Skin and cut rhubarb in half-inch pieces, cover with boiling water, let stand three minutes and drain. Line deep pie plate with pastry, letting it extend one inch beyond the edge. Fill rounding full with rhubarb. Beat one egg and stir into one cup of sugar previously mixed with two level tablespoons of flour. Spread this over the rhubarb, cover with a crust that extends just to edge of plate and is well slashed for steam vents. Moistened the edge with cold water and bring the under crust over it. Place in quick oven ten minutes, reduce heat and bake slowly for fifty minutes.

RHUBARB RAISIN PIE.—Use above recipe, only substitute some of the rhubarb for stewed raisins and add the grated rind of about one-third of an orange.

RHUBARB AND ORANGE MARMALADE.—Cut one lemon and one orange into slices, shredding the peel as fine as possible. Add four pounds of rhubarb cut into half inch lengths, four pounds of sugar and one pint of water. Simmer slowly until the orange rind is soft and marmalade has thickened. Fifteen minutes before removing from fire add one cup of pecan meats cut quite fine.

MOLDED CREAM WITH STRAWBERRIES.—Soak one-fourth cup of granulated gelatin in one-fourth cup of cold water ten minutes, add one-half cup of strained strawberry juice, set the dish into a pan of hot water and stir until the gelatin dissolves. Set into a pan of cold water to cool but not long enough to thicken, stirring occasionally. Whip until stiff one pint of heavy cream which should be ice cold, beat in one-half cup of powdered sugar, and add the gelatin. Beat until the whole begins to slightly thicken, then pour into a mould. Set in a cold place, and in a few hours it should be ready to serve. Turn out onto the center of a large plate and surround with whole ripe strawberries.

PEACH GELATIN.—Soak one envelope of granulated gelatin in one-half cup of cold water ten minutes. Dissolve in one-half cup of boiling water, add one cup of sugar and stir until melted. When cold and before it begins to set, add two tablespoons of lemon juice and one cup of either fresh or canned peach mashed fine. The easiest way is to put the peach through the potato ricer. Beat thoroughly, pour into a mould and set away to harden. Gelatin dishes should be made the day before they are intended to be used as some combinations set slowly. Turn onto a platter, surround with whipped cream and sections of whole peach.

EASTER EGGS.—Break a small hole in one end of some eggs and drain out the contents. Refill the shells with colored gelatin, making it a little stiffer than usual. Very pretty colors can be obtained by using grape juice, spinach juice, cranberry juice, chocolate, orange or coffee. Set the filled shells, open end upward, to stiffen over night. To remove, carefully break the shells in places and pick them away from the gelatin eggs.

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Ms. J. H. C., Findlay, Ill.—Have your local drug-store write to any city where there is a wholesale drug store and he can get the Warburg's tincture referred to. This remedy is harmless; but should not be used for too long an interval.

Ms. G. C. T., Paden, Miss.—Your trouble seems to be allied to lumbago, so-called. You should avoid sweets of all kinds, drink plenty of water and take ten-grain tablets of salicylate of sodium after meals. Locally, you can have the back ironed over hot mustard fannels or out of very hot mustard water. Alcoholic drinks are taboo always in your case; but water, as indicated, should be drunk freely.

Ms. S. R., Dillonville, Ohio.—Your husband appears, from what you state, to have ulcer of the stomach. He should live principally on predigested milk, peptonized. Only in this way will his stomach rest and be able to digest more substantial food. He can, also, take with his food ten grains of carbonate of soda dissolved in very hot water.

Ms. H. B., Aqua Fria, New Mexico.—Cannot send medicines by mail. You can get your druggist to put the iodide of potassium in a saturated solution for you. Take, as an initial dose, five drops well diluted, after meals.

Ms. H. C. C., Burtville, Ky.—If your hemorrhoids are too much and seem to be getting worse, you may have them operated on, for only in this way can you get permanent relief. In the meantime you can use compound gall ointment, and also two teaspoonfuls of extract of cascara sagrada morning and night to keep the bowels open and free.

Ms. A. W., Reed Spring, Mo.—Eating raw potatoes is all wrong. You are evidently a neurotic. Take, after meals, five-grain tablets of asafetida and quit carrying.

Ms. H. C. L., Melrose, Wisconsin.—You do not need a shampoo the hair before you use the resorcin. Just use the tar soap and thoroughly cleanse the hair and then use the resorcin—two per cent. dissolved in equal parts of rose-water and grain alcohol. Resorcin is a wonder.

Ms. E. M. M., Mansfield, Ark.—Do not take so much medicine; but try five-grain pills of asafetida after meals. Also before meals, take a deep digestion, take a tablet of compound of bicarbonate of soda. Of course avoid sweets and pastries of all kinds.

Ms. H. L., Somerville, Ohio.—An abdominal support properly fitted would do you much good. Do not take boric acid in the stomach, but take bicarbonate of soda in five-grain doses instead. You can use boric acid as an enemata without disadvantage and perhaps with some benefit. In the long run, if there is too much prolapse of the intestines an operation is indicated, if a cure is sought.

Ms. G. T. B., Cardon, Kans.—Rickets sometimes cause bed-wetting. Also too much activity during the day and want of an afternoon nap leads to a deep sleep at night with loss of reflexes and consequent bed-wetting as an after effect. Have your daughter take an afternoon nap, avoid sweets, eat a very small meal at night and take two-grain tablets of urotropin twice a day for several days and see what this regimen and urotropin will do for her.

Ms. J. E. S., Kinston, N. C.—The "whites" complained of are due probably to inflammation following laceration of the womb during confinement. Have the parts examined and if there is a laceration, be operated on and have the parts restored to normal in this way. You can use a teaspoonful of common salt to a quart of hot water as a douche morning and night in the meantime.

Ms. A. L. N., Mill Creek, Okla.—Your son needs circumcision. Have this done at once. Your daughter is no doubt run down from multiple pregnancies. Have her take after meals a tablespoonful of Basmam's tincture well diluted. In hay fever the chief symptom is sneezing and coryza with watery eyes, etc. Have the sufferer take after meals a teaspoonful of Pertussin well diluted. For the catarrh spray the nose and throat with Dobell's solution three times a day.

A Forgotten Love

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her or she might know too much about the comings and goings in this house. I'd rather have had her last night than that fool Brookes; but I was dizzy, I couldn't think.

Tears that she dared not let fall filled her eyes. There would be time enough to cry when it was safe to know that Jim was dead!

She hurried to James's room to see her before the house was roused, and when there was no sound within, opened the door.

"James!" she whispered; but she never got any farther. The room was empty; the bed neat, unoccupied; the door into Gillian's room open. Mrs. Gibbs crept to it softly, not to run any risk of waking Mr. Marchmont's ward. Even James's unruffled bed had not aroused suspicion in her, but now as she looked—she knew!

The light of a rainy dawn poured in on another empty room, showed another untouched bed, and a floor littered with clothes.

Mistress and maid were gone!

The housekeeper stood livid, hideous, in the untidy room. Her face was dreadful as she turned to go, her strong hand gripped the air as though it lay already on the shrinking shoulder of the girl who had murdered Marchmont.

Quiet as a cat, she stole to Brookes's room and told him:

"Those girls—or Lesard"—she ended—"it don't matter. But I swear to you that whoever did it shall pay for it!"

The butler's face was like ashes.

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PEGGY ROMPERS

By Emmy Matt Rush

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"BOBBY," asked Aunt Nan in alarm, "where have you left Peggy?"

Bobby was hurrying into the dining-room, minus the little figure of his romper-clad diminutive sister and Aunt Nan had caused for alarm, for little Peggy Rompers had a naive, quaint little way of calling upon the neighbors; romper-clad or visiting-clad, it made no difference to Peggy.

"Oh, Peggy," lisped the lad, "she went over to the Smithses with Janey Smith."

"To the Smithses?" echoed Aunt Nan.

"Yes'm," and the subject was dismissed so far as Bobby was concerned, for he was more concerned about his dinner, and he climbed into his chair.

"To the Smithses!" repeated Aunt Nan aghast!

Nancy Emerson hastened to the telephone, to communicate, for the first time in many years, with the Smith residence. This necessity was saved her, however, for as she was raising the receiver to her ear, Peggy's shrill little voice, filled with the excitement of the occasion, could be heard in the dining-room:

"An' it's a little girl baby, Bobby, with a real mamma all her very own!"

Something clutched Nancy Emerson's heart-strings as she replaced the telephone receiver. She stopped a moment at the entrance in the dining-room to wipe a tear from the corner of her eye. Peggy was seated in her own chair, next to Bobby's, and her little blonde head bobbed excitedly as her Aunt Nan entered the room.

"Smithses have got a little baby girl at their house, Aunt Nan!"

"Peggy, child, where have you been?"

"To the Smithses," repeated the little girl, "with Janey Smith to see her little new sister, Aunt Nan!"

"Peggy Rompers!" exclaimed her aunt, not unkindly, however, for the children were all in to her, albeit Peggy's unconventional neighborhood calls were very often the cause for grave concern. "Peggy, you know you should have asked my permission, for I have repeatedly forbidden you to call on the Smithses with little Janey!"

"But, Aunt Nan," demurely interrupted the child, "listen, dear Aunt Nan! Janey Smith's Uncle Ben was there again, and," slowly, "he told me the baby would be named after me," defiantly.

"After you?" gasped Aunt Nan, more excited now than her little romping niece. "Oh, how dare he!" Her face crimsoned. "Ben Harper told you that?"

"Yes'm, Aunt Nan, and he's coming to see me after supper."

"To see you? This evening! Oh! He could not dare do that!"

For can't you see, Aunt Nan and Janey Smith's big Uncle Ben had been sweethearts in the long ago, in the high school days, days when youth with all of the pride of folly and arrogance believes it incumbent upon the dignity of future years to be unrelenting and unforgiving where one loves. And so the engagement of Aunt Nan and Janey Smith's Uncle Ben was broken! Because Pride, the Folly of Youth, demanded it!

Neither of them had married as year followed year, and the broken engagement remained broken. Ben Harper tried hard enough to mend the link, but Aunt Nan's stubborn pride would not let the link be mended, and since the children of her dead sister came into her life and home, Nancy Emerson insisted that she was too much absorbed in Peggy and Bobby to marry any man!

Peggy's mamma died when Peggy was a wee little babe, and her father died before the child was born, so that poor little Peggy Rompers knew neither father nor mother! Pathetically the child would ask: "Aunt Nan, dear, why haven't I got a mother and a father like other little girls?" To which Aunt Nan could only reply, "You precious child!" And when she said that, Peggy always thought there were tears in Aunt Nan's voice as well as in her eyes.

The evening meal passed in silence. Aunt Nan was in deep thought. So was Peggy Rompers, for that matter! And Bobby, as we have said, was more concerned with his supper than any of Peggy's wild neighborhood rambles.

Nancy Emerson resented with all the power of the pride of accumulating years Ben Harper's coming over to call on little Peggy Rompers. And yet somewhere, deep down in her heart, Nancy Emerson felt glad. Not that she would see him. Oh, no, nothing like that! But she would show Ben Harper that his arrogance could be properly punished.

The telephone bell rang. Glancing shyly at her Aunt Nan, Peggy Rompers slipped out of her tall chair. Cautiously she crept to the telephone table. Glancing shyly once more in Aunt Nan's direction, the child took down the receiver. Nancy Emerson was still absorbed in her own thoughts. Aunt Nan wasn't looking her way, thought the child. Cautiously she placed her lips to the mouthpiece.

"Yes, it's me, Peggy," she lisped.

"Yes, you can come," and stealthily replacing the receiver Peggy Rompers approached her Aunt Nan, for she was a truthful child.

Like most children with precocious and prodigious inclinations, Peggy at the same time entertained the highest sense of honor, and if truth were a virtue, then indeed Peggy Rompers, with all of the cunning and magic of her premature predilections, was a virtuously truthful little girl.

"The telephone bell rang, Aunt Nan. I answered. It was Janey Smith's Uncle Ben. He's coming right over!"

"Oh! Peggy," cried Aunt Nan, "how dare he!" And Aunt Nan disappeared.

A bright little twinkle played in Peggy Rompers' clear blue eyes, and she took her place beside the front door to wait for the bell to ring, for no other hands could open the door for her caller! Her little blonde curls nodded back and forth, and her little feet seemed to dance all over the rugs. The waiting seemed interminable.

Presently the doorbell rang. Aunt Nan was nowhere to be seen!

The maid appeared to open the door. "I will go, Martha," timidly volunteered the child, and (CONTINUED ON PAGE 38.)

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Black Tongue in Dogs

So many Southern readers have reported cases of black tongue in their dogs and anxiously sought a remedy that we are glad to be able to report success from the employment of a new combination of drugs. The new treatment is credited to Dr. G. W. Browning of Georgia and consists of a mixture of 15 drops of essential tincture of rhus toxicodendron, one-half an ounce each of specific tincture of echnine and glycerin and enough water to make four ounces. The dose is one teaspoonful every two hours until improvement is marked, then every three or four hours. It is reported that this medicine, composed largely of what are known as ecletic tinctures, has reduced the mortality of the disease from 75 per cent. to 25 per cent. Local treatment consists in swabbing or spraying the mouth three or four times daily with boiled water containing enough permanganate of potash to tinge it light pink or enough sulphate of copper (bluestone) to turn it light blue.

Questions and Answers

INFECTIOUS CATARRH.—We have an infectious disease in our herd of purebred Jerseys on our Stock Farm. It seems to be a kind of catarrhal affection of the head or nasal passage. They have a discharge from the nostrils sometimes blocking the air passage and causing the animal to breathe through the mouth. The first cow took the disease two years ago, last year another one, this spring five more, so you see it is spreading fast. At first our veterinarian thought it was not contagious, but then soon changed his mind. They say they do not know what it is, nor do they know what to do for it. Nearly all of them get better in the fall and remain that way until the next spring when the affection returns. I have not been able to stop it. I have tried a number of remedies, but none seem to do any good. I know of some in different herds but not more than one or two in the herd. The disease starts with a slight discharge from each nostril something like a cold and gradually increases until the animal affects a catarrh of the head. The discharge is a yellowish white. I know of one or two animals that have had the disease three or four years and they are no better. I have never known one to die from the effects of the disease. I would like your opinion of the disease and what you would suggest doing for it.

A.—The disease described is not uncommon, being a form of infectious catarrh or influenza. In some cases it has been known to take on a malignant form which is incurable, similar to glanders in horses and fatal. The infection remains in the stable, isolating the affected cows and if them for the butchery as they may be carriers of the infection when seemingly but slightly affected. Cleanse, disinfect and whitewash the stable. Use a mixture of one part of compound cresol solution and 30 parts of water for disinfecting purposes. Two or three times daily syringe out the nostrils with lukewarm 1 to 1,000 solution of cresol and expose the affected cows in the stable to steam from hot water.

COUGH.—I have a horse six years old that gets sick and coughs something like whooping. He pants, gets down, rolls and wrings his neck to relieve him. If I forget to give him a few drops he becomes sick again.

A.—The horse is taking some indigestible feed so that a change of feed should be given. Give the drink him much water when hot. Do not feed grain or allow work. Feed a pound or two of hay at noon while he naps. Feed a pound or two of hay at noon while he naps. Feed a pound or two of hay at noon while he naps.

VACCINATING AGAINST BLACKLEG.—Will you please inform me through your paper which is the best blackleg vaccine for calves.

A.—The Bureau of Animal Industry of the U. S. Department has discontinued the distribution of vaccine now most popular as they do not contain the live germs of the disease and therefore are preferable. Apply to the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station at Manhattan for a bulletin on the subject. One may also be obtained from your State Station at Lincoln.

WART.—My mare, six years old, has a wart on her nose as big around as a silver dollar and twice as thick. It bleeds a little but not very often. A neighbor advised me to use iodine, which I did and believed it helped but did not cure.

A.—Once or twice daily cover the wart with a thick paste composed of equal quantities of cold-pressed castor oil, salt and flowers of sulphur. If it is an ordinary wart, it should subside, but such growths sometimes are cancerous and return even when dissected out by a surgeon.

COWPOX.—I want information about my cow. She is giving milk and the lower part is broken out and with sores on the teats. I can hardly milk her. I have heard of cowpox; maybe that is the trouble.

A.—We think it probable that cowpox is the disease present in this case. The pustules of that disease have depressed or concave tops and a pock or depression remains for some time after the crusts fall off. Isolate the cow and have her milked by one who does not attend to the other cows. Twice daily bathe the affected parts with hot water containing all the boric acid it will dissolve; then dry gently and paint the sores with a saturated solution of permanganate of potash. If any sore is obstinate in healing apply strong iodine ointment once or twice daily, as found necessary.

LUMPS ON FACE.—I have a heifer three years old that has a knot on her nose between her eyes and it seems to be getting larger all the time. What is the cause and what can be done? Is the milk fit to use and will other cows take it?

A.—A bruise may have caused the lump or growth, but there is a possibility of lump-jaw (actinomycosis). That disease is not directly contagious and does not make the milk or meat dangerous for use provided the animal is otherwise well, eating normally, in good flesh and free from pus-discharging abscesses or tumors. Try the effect of tincture of iodine applied two or three times a week. Do not let it get into the eyes.

CONSTIPATION.—I have a horse, fourteen years old. He is nervous, his eyes water and stream down his face. His bowels move once a day.

A.—Have the horse's teeth put in order by a veterinarian. Then feed crushed or whole oats and one-sixth part of wheat bran, adding a handful of flaxseed meal at each time of feeding. Dampen the feed. Allow free access to rock salt. Add carrots to the ration if available; also good mixed clover and timothy hay. Never let the horse stand for a single day without working or taking outdoor exercise. Do not let the horse stand where a draft can strike his eyes or dust enter them. If the stable is whitewashed light from the walls may dazzle the eyes. Add lamp black or yellow ochre when limewash again is applied. Do not cause dust by shaking down hay or straw in the stable and keep it clean and free from irritating gases.

LICE ON CATTLE.—Can you tell me a simple remedy for lice on cattle? They are of the large grey or blue kind.

A.—Dust powdered sabadilla upon the infested parts. Then blanket the animal and brush it thoroughly out of doors six or eight hours later. Repeat the application when necessary. Groom parts, that cannot be dusted, with a brush dipped in raw linseed oil. Repeat as required. Also cleanse, disinfect and whitewash the stable which should be light dry and well ventilated. Burn trash from stable at time of cleansing.

WOLVES.—Please tell me what causes "wolves" in cows' backs, and how to get rid of them. Do they affect the cow, and if so what way?

A.—What you term "wolves" are larvae or grubs from eggs deposited in summer by the ox warble fly. They are usually called "warbles." When numerous they may cause enough misery from irritation to keep the cow from milking perfectly or making a normal amount of milk. Squeeze out the ripe grubs by pressing down hard on each lump with the open mouth of a big bottle. If necessary enlarge the opening in each lump with a pin. Treat others by rubbing in a little of a mixture of one part of iodine and five parts of lard or vasoline. Destroy the grubs you squeeze out.

CHOKER.—Please tell me what is the trouble with my cow. She is fourteen years old. It seems to be in her head, moving it up and down and jerks in her body when drinking. Is there any cure?

A.—We suspect that the heifer has choker (st. Virus) disease which is practically incurable. It may be followed an attack of some weakening disease. We cannot suggest a remedy but if you are feeding cotton seed meal and hulls we should advise you to omit that meal and give ground corn, oats, barley, bran and flaxseed meal or some such combination of meals along with good hay.

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POULTRY FARMING FOR WOMEN
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of time. It won't hurt to have one or two chicks under a hen, but don't go to the other extreme of leaving nests entirely alone, because if you do, you are very apt to find chicks crushed and dead.

The next day, leave things to nature until late in the afternoon, then remove the hen to a brood coup, and give her the chicks which are hatched, for if there are any still left in the shell, they will be too weak to amount to anything if hatched later.

When the incubator has been used, the cause for chicks dying in the shell is usually want of proper ventilation, or the heat running down, or the door being opened during the last forty-eight hours. Ventilation can be maintained by opening the door for a few minutes every hour, but it must not go below 100°.

Remember, little chicks will get bowel trouble if they get chilled, so always use plenty of cotton in the top of the brooder, and never have less than twenty-five chicks in a brooder, for less than that number can't supply sufficient bodily heat to keep the chicks warm. If the brooder is not warm enough, the chicks will get chilled and die.

Watch the droppings of all chickens, both brooder and those under hens, and at the slightest indication of looseness of the bowels, remove water. It is a good precaution to feed boiled rice, or two or three times a week while the chicks are kept under cover; or if with a hen, keep the hen shut into the brooder coop, for then she is at large.

Leg weakness rarely develops if the chickens are properly fed. Green food and animal food meal on the market which is very good if you can buy in small quantities, but it is not safe to buy three weeks, so it is usually better for the occasional hard-boiled egg, chopped up fine without removing the shell. And for green stuff I don't think there is anything as good as young clover fine enough to be acceptable to little chicks. If best of all animal food when about half boiled and birds have had in small quantities. If your start, it is quite safe; but if you suddenly commence feeding it after four or five weeks, you must go very carefully for some time, until they become accustomed to it. A rusty nail or two, or water, is a good tonic, and it is advisable to use if chickens commence to look pale around the bill, or droopy in any way.

Of course you know they must have no food for thirty-six hours after hatching.

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Glands Used To Restore Hair Growth

Science of Gland Therapy Restores Hair Growth—New Treatment Restores Hair and Growth.

Baldness in both men and women is generally ascribed by scientists to a deficiency of endocrine glands. Hair is dependent upon the secretions of these glands. The secretions of those glands make possible the growth of those elements in the blood which are a luxurious growth of hair.



Now it is possible for any bald person to have a full, luxuriant growth of hair (including the eyebrows) by the use of the scientific discovery of E. R. Alexander, a Canadian scientist. Dr. Alexander, through the secretion of glands, can supply the deficient secretion and produce a full growth of hair.

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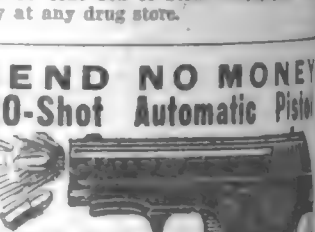
SEND NO MONEY.—Just your name and address to Alexander Laboratories, 1000 Station, Kansas City, Mo., and the treatment will be mailed at once in plain wrapper according to directions and if at the end of a month you are not more than satisfied, your money will be refunded to you. Big Kansas City bank guarantees the treatment is reliable and holds \$1,000,000 in reserve to return your money if you are not satisfied. Don't suffer the embarrassment of baldness. Give the treatment a trial on the Canadian office Toronto, Ont.

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March, 1923

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Thousands Enjoy Gearhart Checks-Why Not YOU?

ARE you one of the countless men and women who find their incomes, earnings or allowances inadequate for their needs? Are you worried and harassed by unpaid bills, blue and discolored because you are denied the things a little extra money might bring you? Opportunity is written large on this page—read every word and solve your money problem once and for all.

Perhaps you have read before about Gearhart Home Knitting, of famous, nationally known wool hosiery, only to decide that however profitable it might be for others it was not for you. What a mistake you may be making!

Gearhart Home Knitting is for you, for everybody who can find much or little spare time and who is ambitious and determined enough to have the things really wanted.

Pleasant Home Occupation

(No Previous Experience Required)

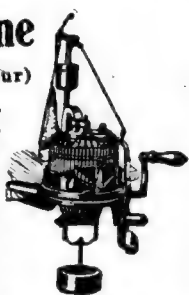
Gearhart Home Knitting is just a simple, pleasant, home occupation by which all persons of average intelligence can turn their spare time into cash. No previous experience whatever required on the Gearhart Knitter, the remarkable machine which does the work for you. Our records show that our home workers can and do earn substantial amounts, large or small according to the amount of spare time they devote to the work of knitting Allwear hosiery.

If you take up this work for us your time will be your own. You can earn as much as you will or as little as you like. We will be glad to accept and pay for all the Allwear socks you care to send us. Pause for a moment. Realize that during the day, after the morning chores are done, the house put in order or the children sent off to school, there are hours or minutes of rest which can still be restful when you devote them to the simple task of Gearhart Machine Knitting. Then, afterwards, have their golden moments and in the quiet of the evenings Gearhart Home Work holds forth its opportunity of profit.

Many times have Gearhart Home Workers written, saying, "I am so fascinated with the work I can hardly keep away from it," or other words to the same effect.

A Wonderful Machine

Commence Knitting in One Hour!



The Original Knitter and Home Money Maker

A wonderful machine is your valued assistant in earning "Allwear" Pay Checks. It is the latest home knitting machine ever devised, a marvel of simplicity and quiet operation. Sixty to one hundred speedy, racing, automatic needles operate as you simply turn the crank to do home knitting of Allwear socks so beautifully and so rapidly that in many cases amazement follows when you first begin. You need only spare time which no doubt you have. Secure a Gearhart and commence to knit in one hour or less.

The Gearhart Knitting Machine is the original home knitter, perfected in the 35 years that the Gearhart Company has been established. It is the only home knitter that knits Allwear Hosiery, modern, up-to-the-minute wool socks which are now so much in popular favor. Gearhart Home Workers are proud of the soft, warm comfort, the wearing qualities and the luxurious appearance of these quality socks, unknown in the days of grandma and olden time hand knitting methods. This remarkable machine does the knitting, you operate and guide it.

Long-Time Contract for You

(Guarantee the Basis of Your Pay Checks)

Household or other work may not allow you to work in a store, factory or office and if you did there is always the possibility of being laid off. But when you become a Gearhart Home Worker you can't be laid off or discharged. You know that when you take up Gearhart Home Work you enter into something lasting. An iron-bound, long-time contract for a period of years is a bona fide, legal agreement on the part of the Gearhart Company to accept and pay you for all the Allwear Hosiery you care to knit and send to them. The contract stipulates the liberal price per dozen pairs the Company agrees to pay you. Earn as much as you wish within the limits of your spare time. The Gearhart Company cannot emphasize too emphatically the fact that they want Allwear Hosiery and lots of it. You can help and by so doing earn the extra money which may mean so much to you.



How Much Can I Earn?

At the time of writing this message to you we have referred to our records and find that during a recent week we sent out hundreds of "Allwear" Pay Checks. A few of these we mention and they represent neither the highest nor the lowest payments made during those six days of business.



\$10,000.00

in Cash Bonus Awards

Besides the Regular, Guaranteed Pay Checks for Allwear

G EARTHART Home Workers everywhere throughout the nation are about to start the greatest knitting contest in history. You can become one of this great family, earn whatever extra money your spare time will allow and also have an equal opportunity to win, in addition to your pay checks, one of the big cash awards listed below.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS have been set aside as a cash bonus fund to encourage the production of Allwear Hosiery by those who employ their spare time at home with this pleasing, profitable, spare-time home occupation.

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT will take the knitting and hosiery world by storm. Never before have we known such a wonderful profit-sharing advantage to be accorded home workers in any industry. It means that Gearhart home knitters, in addition to the substantial amounts to be earned during their spare time, will have over 1,000 opportunities to share in this great sum of extra money.

Enter Contest Now—Equal Opportunity for All

AMBITION men and women who begin now to knit at home during spare time will be eligible to this great contest on an equitable basis. No previous knitting experience is required. As long as you are equipped to knit famous Allwear Hosiery you can start. We must have Allwear Hosiery to supply the big market we have developed and so this is your opportunity.

JUST AS GREAT manufacturing concerns encourage and reward their employees, so the Gearhart Knitting Machine Co. has set out to do. Each contestant will be awarded a certain number of points for quantity of Allwear and other desirabilities. Those who make the best records will not only earn the biggest pay checks but stand the best chance of getting the big \$500 check as first bonus award.

HOW would you like to get a big check like those listed below in addition to earning substantial amounts during spare time. You can enter any time, but the longer you delay the longer you put off your earnings. Send the coupon today and learn why this great opportunity is for you.

Over 1,000 Grand Awards

First . . .	\$500.00	20 Awards of \$50.00
Second . . .	\$400.00	40 Awards of \$25.00
Third . . .	\$300.00	50 Awards of \$20.00
Fourth . . .	\$200.00	100 Awards of \$10.00
Fifth . . .	Six Awards of \$100.00 Each	800 Awards of \$5.00
		1,020 Awards in All

To Mrs. B. we paid \$7.25, to Mr. C., \$15.84, to Mrs. L. G., \$10.38, to Mrs. E. K., \$7.50, to Mr. R. M., \$7.50, to Mrs. G. C., \$6.00, to Mr. C. D., \$9.00, to Miss M. H., \$5.75, to Mrs. P., \$16.94, etc., etc. (Names and addresses are not given because all dealings with home workers are held confidential.)

So you see this matter of Gearhart Home Knitting is pretty much what you make of it. Some people naturally have more spare time for knitting than others. Whatever you have, much or little, we want you to devote it to knitting Allwear Hosiery, receiving our pay checks like the above or for amounts even larger.

Your Extra Money Problem

What kind of a money problem must you solve? What is it you need or want that only may be acquired through a better-filled purse? Might it be money to pay pressing bills, to keep the children in school, to furnish the home, buy needed wearing apparel, start a bank account against a rainy day or add to the comfort of self or family in some other way?

Or maybe there are less serious needs which are none the less to be desired. Perhaps you are merely ambitious to earn and accumulate more than seems possible under present circumstances. Whatever your requirements, let Gearhart Home Knitting prove to be your friend and a help to the fulfillment of your fondest hopes. Of course you are sensible and do not expect to get rich quick by this simple employment of your spare time. It is recorded that home knitters have paid off mortgages, bought houses and automobiles but perhaps you will be satisfied with a fair remuneration, a few dollars a week if that is all your spare time will yield or several hundred dollars per year if you can turn out a much greater quantity of good work. Whatever your circumstances, whatever your ambitions, "Allwear" Checks in any amount await your best efforts. You may also get help from other members of the family and increase your pay checks.

Gearhart Encouragement

The Gearhart Knitting Machine Company has always been solicitous of the welfare of Gearhart Home Workers. Everything practicable has been done to encourage the production of Allwear Hosiery and bigger earnings. A great national market for the socks has been developed, the finest home knitting instruction book ever devised has been printed, the highest rates of pay possible have been made a part of Gearhart Contracts and now the Gearhart Company leads again with its offering of still greater possibilities of home earnings afforded by great contest and bonus awards such as you find announced on this page.

The Gearhart Company occupies two great buildings in the hustling city of Clearfield, Pa. These are the national headquarters of the American Home Knitting Industry, where the famous Gearhart Knitter is made, where Allwear Hosiery is received from all over the country and from where it is distributed to its thousands of wearers. You may well take pride in association with this solid, responsible concern, established in 1888.

We Want Your Help—Act Today

There are many more details you will want to know about, other facts and possibilities which we have no room for here, how you obtain a Gearhart Home Knitter, more about earnings, wage rates, rules of the great knitting contest, cash bonus awards and other things.



Consider that you have nothing to lose by requesting particulars. We only ask that you be truly desirous of turning your spare time into money.

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
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Peggy Rompers

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when Peggy Rompers opened the door she bounded right into the strong arms of a man. It was Janey Smith's "big Uncle Ben"!

"It's all right, Uncle Ben," whispered the little girl in his ear. "It's all right, I know, because Aunt Nan never said one wld."

A tender light filled Uncle Ben's big, brown countenance, and his eyes shone with the pent-up devotion of a big man and with a love that had been denied him for many years.

"Where is she?" he whispered.

"I think you'll find her in the garden," Aunt Peggy was gone!

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Late that evening, after the curly head of Peggy Rompers had been fast asleep upon its pillow for several hours, the door of her little bedroom opened cautiously. It was Aunt Nan. A new Aunt Nan, for a curious happy light now filled her eyes as she tenderly gathered Peggy up in her arms. But there were tears in her eyes. Peggy was sure she saw them!

"Peggy," cried her Aunt Nan, "Peggy, child!" Peggy Rompers was sure she saw the real tears in her Aunt Nan's eyes this time.

"Peggy, dear, you little rogue!" she laughed down between the sobs that seemed to choke her voice.

A Little Blue Will Do

By Yetta Kay Stoddard

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"I'll marry you right away," announced old Freeman Zenas, the evening of his friend's funeral.

Marta smiled a little without speaking.

Yet in spite of Freeman's fine offer two days after Professor Frost died, his young daughter Marta went to work; a natural sequence, after leaving out the consideration of her rich and powerful suitor and his set plans, she saw no other way of gaining the money required for the bread, the sense of liberation and other necessities of body and soul. Those many, many other things that had been denied her youth! Color and light, they were; and dreams of laughing happiness. And love.

"I'll marry you right away," Freeman had repeated. "You can stay right on here with Old Daddy until you get things the way you want them, and then we can either live to my house or set up this one for sale, or I'll get rid of it in any place and come here. This shack's good for me. And we can let old Marty go. You won't suffer as long as I keep my health and I'm pretty put just the same as usual."

Marta still smiled. Freeman sprawled in her rocking chair, awaiting her comment; but the smile passed unpunctuated except by the man's frequent glances at the girl, who sat seeming to read the harbor lights with the same eagerness that he noted that night when first ten years ago the young girl brought the sick professor and little old man to the brown bungalow on the hillside.

That first night he sat in that south window and was indeed thinking. She remembered her father's back in that time; though it was nothing in comparison to this new strange loneliness of Daddy. Suddenly there had been a boy's knocking.

What do they signal to you—the channel

"I don't know——" she had answered, marveling at his sudden speech so readily. Mr. Zenas and her mother were at the other end of the room. They did not hear. She went on, half whispering to herself:

"A queer story. I can't say the words of it and I must can. Can you?"

"Yes. Plo Pico says—Very slow: 'Wait, watch, wait, wait.' Ballast Point says, 'Hurry! Hurry!' Numb's ticks off, 'Safe, safe, safe.' Altogether, 'Good night. All's right.' 'Till morning'—"

She had never talked with Arthur Geoffron. Too busy sorting out, marking and putting away her father's papers, searching them again, and again putting them away; ministering to his comfort, attending him at every turn for the worse; she had grown up companioning him. She did not look for Arthur to return and put the memory of his voice and presence to the window that one evening flung. She noticed it taking out of it such joy as she had that have had were she ninety instead of nineteen.

"What?" She looked, acted, felt at least as if this sad beautiful evening with Daddy were this ugly hour with old Freeman so persistent.

"Good night, Marty. I see you don't feel like the talk. We'll fix it up tomorrow or the day. No hurry, only you don't want to be here alone for long."

"Good night," said the girl, dreamily, still looking her vague words for an invitation to go out.

"All's right. Till morning light."

At morning, Freeman was on hand before she and old Mitty had cleared away their father's papers.

...the girl's face turned white as she realized her reasoning fear that he had come for her now seized her; with it a night of uncertainty as to where her duty lay, was by a pause of plunging, tearing, and attempt to extricate herself from the dear foolish-wise father and Freeman for her. She sat holding up to down the action of the *Atchafalpa Star*; the fine sailing her. Trying to spell out the results, she found herself repenting:

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"Drive you in," proffered her lover. "Hill-like nothing better. Been shut up ten back taking in oats by the keg and barrel today. No, thanks. Please. It will take long and I may not be back tonight."

"Back tonight! You, a young girl, stay in

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"You have made your Aunt Nan very, very happy. Oh, so happy, darling!"

Peggy only nestled closer in her Aunt Nan's arms. Her little tousled blonde head rested against Aunt Nan's heart.

"You've been naughty, dear, I know," Aunt Nan continued, pressing the warm little body closer to her own, "but you have made me very happy, darling!"

"Aunt Nan," questioned the little girl, demurely, "will you make me very, very happy, dear?"

Aunt Nan only drew the little form closer to her own.

Peggy continued: "Janey Smith's Uncle Ben wants to 'dopt me, but I'd much rather be 'dopted by you, Aunt Nan! I'd much rather have a Muvver, a real Muvver, than a Father!" placing her chubby little arms about Nancy Emerson's neck. Aunt Nan's unrestrained tears now ran down over the little blonde head of Peggy, and she did not try to hide them. "You will 'dopt me, Aunt Nan?" begged the child.

"Darling Peggy," exclaimed her aunt, "nothing would make me happier than to have you for my very, very own!"

"Oh, Aunt Nan," exclaimed the child, clapping her chubby little hands, "then we will let Janey Smith's Uncle Ben 'dopt Bobby! Then," she added, "Bobby will have a Father, and I will have a Muvver, all our very own!"

"You will both have a Father and a Mother, darling," whispered Aunt Nan, "all your very own!"

What We Will Do

by Stoddard

"city over night? What you thinking of? Where'd you put up at?"

"There's a hotel I know of. Several. And I've got five dollars. Excuse me—you know, we're not married yet, and I'm of age. I must hurry. Good-bye, Matty!"

She breathed normally only when she had stepped aboard the in-town Arleigh Heights car and had seated herself beside Arthur Geoffrion. She felt sure it was he. The young man made no secret of her without giving her so much as a glance. Matty had long since forgotten the existence of Maria Frost. Yet she drew comfort from his presence, thinking that forty-minute ride was as if she had run from old Freeman's arms into his! She laughed at the boldness of her thought, finding a strange happiness in it. Strange—other; for Arthur was young in life itself. Unhindered, he made his own decisions as he pleased; was normal? His skin was white and scrubbed looking, and he grinned upon her unafraid. He was grinning determinedly now, thinking out some problem, likely.

Matty braced up. She would be normal herself. She, too, would learn to grin.

"I'll get that job," she was promising herself. "I'll get it if there are forty other applicants as reliable, am I not?"

"Yes, I believe I am. I've got brains, haven't I? A few, I believe. I can file papers, write too! Oh, I'll show Thorne the Steamship business the way things are and keep him there. I'll camp on that blessed job. And I can't have to look at Freeman's nose-wart except on Sundays—maybe not then. Oh, never, never!"

With the new job in her pocket Marta came to work that night to a sympathetic Old Matty. She was to report next morning and everybody seemed just crazy to have her get there and get to work. When—

Not just now, Mr. Zenas. I'm going to work a while. There are debts, you know. And a change—I've been shut in so long—it just as if I were just born—"
"I was born a foul idiot!" thundered Freeman, banged his way out of the room. Marta was laughing with laughter when he presently stuck crooked face in and said:
"When you get sick and tired of working, I'll be ready just the same and I guess it'll be long to wait."
"Maybe not," laughed Marta.
"I won't put on black," Threnno's new fling was telling her considering self. "It's a nice color, anyway; and I'll be going in and out the car, and taking my lunch and no one will be the wiser. I'll wear out the drab mouse beaver hat. They're all whole yet, but I do hate the sight of their ugliness. It'll be a journey enough to go on wearing them. New hats! It would be positively kiddie in me. I can't be so disrespectful to Daddy's memory."
From late summer on through the fall and spring mornings and evenings, a happy gray named Marta Frost traveled back and forth on the Arleigh Heights cars. She usually smoked the smoker end. It reminded her of Daddy, man-moppy the house on the hillside was full of its old tobacco smells! On and off, all day long, and evening; and might have been got rid of by the smoke from their combined pipes, cigars and cigarettes, for all the notice the men she had took of her. Not even Arthur had said saw her, and she had rather expected one day, when he was not too preoccupied,

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Center Piece

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Edge

th shuttle make ring of 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s
to 4th free chain of medallion having 10
chains, 1 d s join to other p of chain, 3 d
s, 3 d s, close. Turn and leave short
of thread ring of (4 d s p), repeat 3 times
close. Turn short space thread make
like first joining to first ring made and
ch of medallion, turn, Make ring like
joining to 2nd by 1st plect, turn, make
like first join only to third, ring, turn,
like 2nd turn, ring like 1st joining to next
ch of medallion, ring like 2nd, ring like
joining to 4th chain. Repeat these two
until you have 7 free rings, then join
to 4th ch of next medallion.
Continue these 2 rings joining to 8 free chains
of 4 as in last medallion.

ing free. Make 7 more free rings and row—Clover Leaf Edge—Ring 5 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, 1 p, 6 d s, 1 p, 5 d s, close—2nd ring 1st p to last p of 1st ring. 3rd ring 5 joining 1st p to 2nd ring in same way. 4th ring 1 p, 5 d s, join to center p of ring in 3rd ring. 5th ring 3 d s, 1 p; 3 d s, join to p of next ring. 6th ring 3 p, 5 d s, join to p of small ring. 7th ring 5 d s, turn. 1 ring. 5 d s, join to side p of small ring. 8th ring 5 d s, 1 p, 5 d s, close. Turn. Repeat first clover leaf. Ch 5 d s, 1 p, 5 d s, join to p of small ring. Repeat 2 picots, joining to last clover leaf. Turn. Ch 5 d s, join to last clover leaf. Turn. Ch 5 d s, join to small p in corner ch. Ch 5 d s, join to p of next ring. Turn. Ch 5 d s, join to next ring. Repeat all

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By Anna P. Bowen

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WILL you wear a violet on Thursday, March the twenty-fourth? We all know that "Carnation Day" spells "Mother's Day," but do you recall what "Violet Day" commemorates—whose favorite flower it was? In the year 1820, on a blustery March day, a baby daughter came to the home of a Crosby, and she brought with her as a pair of eyes as nature ever provided, six weeks of age those tiny eyes were never sightless by the error of a physician of treatment for infection. Of this calamity, the baby grew up to would have appreciated the opportunity that physician for his mistake. Of course who she was—Frances Jane Crosby, and "Fanny" Crosby, the blind singer who her heart and soul, and grew to be our loved hymn writer. Did she murmur against her physical lot—not even before she knew and felt it was using her, through this affliction, own wonderful purpose, and that she had done the work she did had she used with eyesight. As a child it was a great trial to her was unable to obtain the knowledge she for the blind were not so well provided those days as now, and while other children studying she could only sit and listen. One day, at the age of fifteen, she actually herself an inmate of fairyland—someone's ty had made it possible, and she entered New York's institutions for the blind. And answered her prayer, and she just e was the happiest mortal on this whole earth. Poetry, grammar, philosophy and political she loved, but how she did detest arithmetic she quoted was:

leathe, abhor it—it makes me sick
hear the word arithmetic."

as not in her to give up and she mastered e was able to teach it. How often we ought that being blind must mean a coloring round of life, but according to her ed true, and she as well as the other students the institution were actively interested sports of all descriptions. Age of twenty-three she began her first tour in behalf of the blind, and counted distinguished listeners among her audiences, them being: John Quincy Adams, Jefferson, Rufus Choate, James Buchanan, Andrew Stephen A. Douglas. The late Grover d, who in his young manhood was a clerk me institution where Fanny Crosby was of the faculty, copied many a poem for is spare moments. s during her forty-fourth year that she e great work of hymn writing, a famous ic writer, Mr. Wm. B. Bradbury, becoming composer.

ly, she never wrote her poems, they were and stored in her memory, there to recall the proper time for their release, at ne she required the services of an amanu-

ch she wrote under several hundred pen- everyone knows she was married during ties to Mr. Alexander VanAlstyne who brilliant instructor in music though also imposed as many as seven poems in a day e a wonderful memory—easily recalling the thousands of her earlier verses dur- later years. Each some of her lyrics received pruning sang before starting out on their journey erness, it was not so with the majority— inspiration proving best. In the "Arms of Jesus" was her quickest om, it being completed within fifteen min- being requested by her composer, W. H. ho had just completed a new composition her that he had but forty minutes in a secure her verses and catch his train. uth.

er of our favorites, "All the Way My eads Me," came to her as the result of prayer when five dollars was immediate- and provided. wonderful it is that a blind woman's faith e so instrumental in sending gleams of light into sin and sorrow-darkened souls; inspiration has been multitude's heart- session through sacred song. Silver Cord" was gently broken February 15, at her home in Bridgeport, Connecti- for the past eight years she has been the Golden Streets and seeing "The King eauty"! hat wonderful songs she must be compos- here. But, as we journey on—our eyes eard That City with longing—we will to sing her precious hymns and love her And long after we, too, have joined her rth will still ring with her expressions of praise—for they are immortal and can-

you just love to wear a violet in memory

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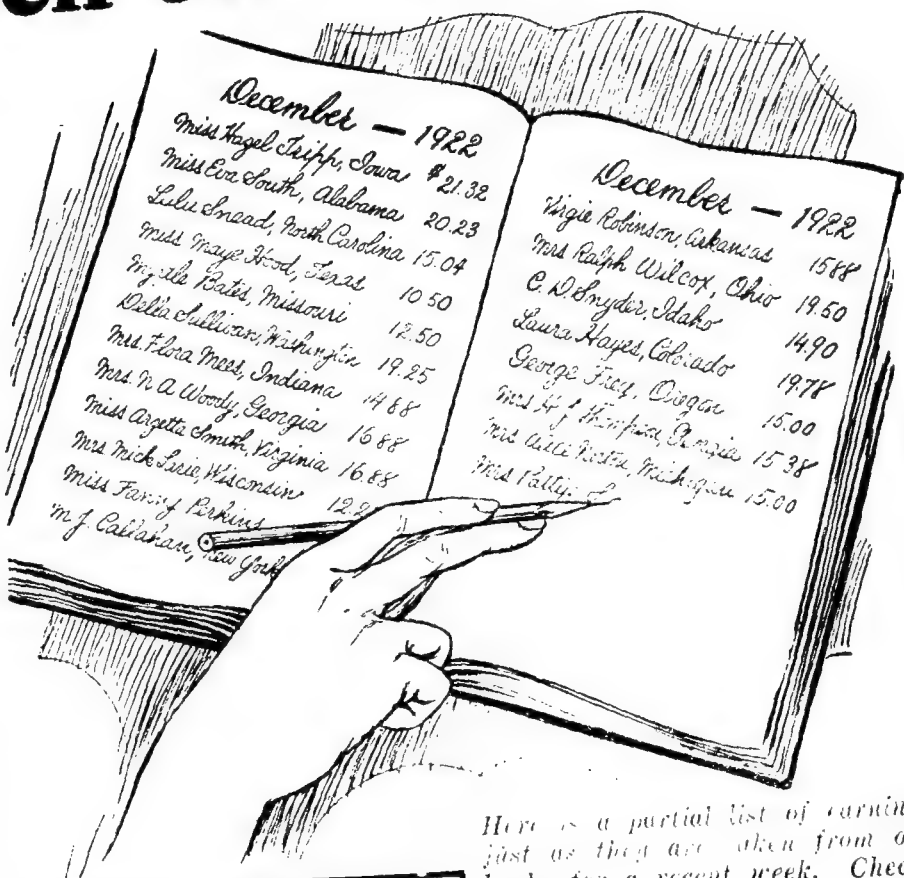
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Weeks passed when she brought home nothing more startling than a handkerchief, a lace collar or a hair net. It seemed to Marta that she had no notion of ever wearing the pretty blue things she had them. That was enough. Where would she wear them, anyway? There was no one interested in what she wore except Old Matty and Zenus; and Zenus she was not yet ready to attract to her side. Neither had she any purpose in view for her saved-up pennies, mullin, or lace, she knew! A little suit exactly matching the blue of her cached hat and gloves, boots and stockings, hung in a certain display window where he passed. It might have been labeled that suit.

"Not going to wear your pretties?" questioned old Matty in a disappointed tone. She had seen them all displayed on Marta's bed the night before.

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saw their last usefulness during the fire. It states that it took her to struggle from the door to the shelter of Old Matty's arms and to the floor at home that evening. The shawl was a complete wreck. Neither coat nor could be worn again without a protracted and

"Thank goodness," breathed Old Marty, pushing the dripping garments aside. "You'll have your blue things tomorrow!"

"I'll wear my blue things tomorrow and the next day; and when I feel like it I'll buy some more," Marta spoke recklessly.

The sun was out. The sky was doing its best to

Almarla Frost floated in upon Arthur's vision the next morning. He arose from bed, raising his hat. "Too late he was, for the other men acted likewise simultaneously." Almarla was already smiling radiant thanks to one of them. She had become visible to the bear. Arthur could not take his eyes off her.

"Miss Frost?" he asked, coming across the street to her. Martha bowed. He had remembered when?

"Your father was Professor Frost?" Again she

"Don't you recall?" he pleaded. "The night you and your father came to the little brown house? I was there, under your window. I understood about the harbor lights, the way I understood."

"I remember," laughed Maria, catching little throb of pain in her voice and changing to joy, before he could notice her emotion. "You've been away?" he asked next.

"No. Right here. All the time. Have you?"

"No. We moved to Amburyton soon after

Trippett and Elsa Gans boarded the car together. From Arthur they got no more than a perfunctory nod.

"How beautiful!" murmured Marta.
 "They? Their clothes?" Arthur asked.
 "Snappy. Tasteless. Blue's my color—the shade
 you're wearing. It's your—the sky's shade
 exactly."

Marta sat at the open window that night. Day had been perfectly summery and the evening warm. She felt lonelier than ever she had before; and she was remembering old loneliness, thinking of loneliness to come, when she was

"What do they signal to you—the chumps?"

"So she's chosen elsewhere," he acknowledged and generously, silently withdrew.

Missing Relatives and Friends

For the convenience of its subscribers, COMFORT reprints the "Missing Relatives and Friends" column.

To the readers of COMFORT is extended the privilege of inserting three-line notices in this column if they will insert only one new yearly subscriber to COMFORT at \$06. We wish to find a missing relative or friend you can inform. A three-line notice containing not over 22 words in this column by securing only one new subscription at \$06. If a notice is required send one \$06 subscription for each notice.

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Quebec, Canada. Please

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Blas Veltong, who was last heard of near Wood
Iowa, in 1918, please notify Ora Weight, Cornucopia, Wis.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the above named person, please write Mrs. Taylor Fretty, care of Cora H. Brown, West Park, Ohio.

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POLLY Virginia.—We do not think it necessary for you to procure your marriage license in the county where you reside, but we think the ceremony should be performed in the county where the license is procured.

Mrs. J. G. E., Louisiana.—Under the laws of Texas, we are of the opinion that the five years' peaceable possession of real estate, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, paying taxes thereon, and claiming under deed duly registered, and which is neither forged nor executed under a forged power of attorney, given full title, and that 10 years' like peaceable possession, cultivation and enjoyment, without evidence of title, gives to the possessor full title to one hundred and sixty acres, and to all beyond which he has in actual possession, provided the statute of limitations is placed in any action brought for the recovery of such land.

Miss M. R., Arkansas.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that if the child you mention was legally adopted, under the proper judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, such child would have intestacy inheritance rights in the foster parents' estate.

Mrs. B. H., Kansas.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that if the property you mention in the husband's name, upon the wife's death, would not pass to her husband, her children would not inherit any interest in the property, which would remain, as before, the property of the husband, as it would have been necessary for the wife to have survived the husband in order to acquire an interest in his property that would go to her children upon her death; but if the property you mention belonged to the wife, upon her death, without a will, her children would be entitled to their share of the property.

S. R. J., South Carolina.—We think that witnesses are necessary for a marriage ceremony, but in case you cannot provide your own witnesses, perhaps the minister or other official who performs the ceremony will provide them.

Mrs. J. M. C., California.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of the husband one-half of the community property goes to the wife and the other half is subject to the testamentary disposition of the husband, and in the absence of such disposition goes to his descendants; we think the money turned over to your father by your mother would be subject to her testamentary disposition, and in the absence of this would be administered as his separate property, being divided among his present wife, if she survives, and the children of both marriages in shares depending upon who is left.

Mrs. P. E. F., Oklahoma.—If, as we understand from your communication, your grandfather abandoned the land he owned in Kentucky over fifty years ago, we do not think your mother now has any chance of recovering any portion of this property.

C. W. M., Texas.—After neglecting to prosecute your claim against your brother's widow for a period of thirty years, we do not think you would succeed in an action against her estate to set aside the deeds you mention.

Mrs. J. R. M., Oklahoma.—Under the laws of Missouri, we are of the opinion that the statute of limitations runs against actions for ejectment from real estate within ten years, but that the statute must be pleaded as a defense in any action where it is relied upon as a defense.

W. B., Tennessee.—In order to create a tenancy by the entirety in real estate, the deed should run to the husband and wife, naming both and reciting them as husband and wife. We think that property devised to the husband and wife as tenants by the entirety upon the death of one becomes the sole property of the survivor.

M. D., Minnesota.—If both the local assessor, and the board of tax appeals have assessed your property in Montana in excess of its true value or at a value out of proportion of the assessments of other property in the locality where your property is situated, we think it will be necessary for you to bring a court proceeding to have the assessment reviewed; we think such proceedings should be brought before the assessment is confirmed.

R. A. B., New Jersey.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married woman, leaving no will, and leaving no child nor descendant, the whole of her personal estate, after payment of debts and expenses, would go to her surviving husband.

Mrs. E. G., Oklahoma.—If the woman who employed your daughter refuses to pay her for the services performed, we think it will be necessary for your daughter to bring an action against this woman to enforce her rights.

S. H., Illinois.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that a will must be signed by the testator, or by some person in his or her presence and by his or her direction, and attested in his or her presence at his or her request by at least two witnesses.

Mrs. M. J. M., North Carolina.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that a widow may dissent from her husband's will and take what the law would give her in case of intestacy, consisting of dower in his real estate and a share of his personal estate depending upon who he left as his other heirs of law and next of kin; we think that during the marriage and subject to a limitation relating to contracts between husband and wife, a married woman may contract and deal so as to affect her real and personal property with same effect as if she were unmarried, but she cannot convey her real estate without written consent of husband. We think if you can substantiate by the proper evidence that your husband gave you the property you mention, you are entitled to keep same.

Mrs. J. H., Illinois.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will and leaving no child nor descendant, the whole of his personal estate would go to his surviving widow, subject to payment of debts and expenses.

P. J. R., Pennsylvania.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that the merchant you mention is legally entitled to recover the amount of the debt owed him by the man you mention with interest thereon less the amount of the payments already made him.

R. S., Indiana.—We think the courts of your state leave power to refuse the appointment of one of the favored classes for administrator of a decedent's estate in case such candidate for appointment is not properly qualified for such appointment, and that your courts also have power to remove an administrator in case he is dishonest or not properly qualified for such office.

Mrs. L. T. M., Idaho.—If your neighbor allows his cattle to trespass upon your property after notice to him to keep them confined, we think you are entitled to collect from him such damages as you have suffered by reason thereof in the proper action brought for the enforcement of your rights.

How My Wife Learned to Play the Piano in 90 Days

A husband's story of the fulfillment of a life-long wish—by a new, easy, spare-time method which has brought the joy of music into thousands of silent homes.

FROM boyhood, I vowed that if ever I had a home of my own there would be music in it. No wife for me unless she could play some instrument, and play it well.

But one day Beth came along, knowing not one note from another, and Beth is Mrs. Taylor today, a piano player, and a new home, but somehow the old vow was forgotten, and stayed forgotten until Jimmy Jr. and Beth No. 2 were quite some youngsters.

Then along about the time the novelty of parenthood began to wear off a bit, the yearning for music came back. And one evening I could play something—give a hundred dollars if you could play something—piano, violin, banjo, ukulele—anything. Beth looked so hurt I was ashamed of myself, so I said no more.

About three months later I got home early one night, and heard the old piano come to life—first a little jazz piece, then a sweet plantation melody. And there at the piano was Beth, playing, and the two kiddies beating time! She saw me, and stopped. "Oh," she cried, "I'm so sorry!" "Believe me, I'm not," I shouted, and I grabbed the whole family up in my arms.

"But, Jim, I wanted to wait and surprise you when I could really play. I'm learning fast, but it's only three months since I found out. 'Found out what?' I said. Beth began to cry. 'I know!' Jimmy, Jr. piped up. 'Mother found out the way to learn music just like I am learning to read in school—only lots easier.'"

Well, that musical party lasted all the evening. It was a howling success.

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The alphabet of music follows the alphabet of language. Each note is a letter, and playing is practically spelling the notes together correctly. The first note on the staff above is F. Whether you sing or play, it is always F. The four notes shown above are F-A-C-E, easy to remember, because they spell "face." Certain strings on mandolin, certain keys on piano, certain parts of all instruments, are these same notes. Once you learn them, playing melodies is a matter of acting what you see! You play almost before you realize it—and every step is real fun, fascinating, simple, interesting, almost too good to be true.

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Comfort's League of Cousins

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dye on his whiskers. Anyway, years are only funny things that calendars establish and family Bibles record. For of course we are just as old as our hearts, and it is only ourselves who keep these records or compile individual almanacs. Some day, through wise analysis, a wily chemist will find out that love and laughter are the chief ingredients in the waters of the Fountain of Youth. And then the International Longevity Corporation will be established to sell love and laughter out of a bottle at so much a quart. But you and I and many others, Mrs. Lottie, will still be able, I trust, to manufacture our own Love Homebrew—and we will smile as we quaff and watch the years go by and the calendar makers suffer.

ERIE HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA:
Won't you please let me in? I have been knocking so long I am almost frozen this cold morning. I live in the Cumberland of Kentucky where we are supposed to pack guns and drink white lightning, but we are, as a rule, peace-loving citizens just like other folks. Of course, there are some outlaws and roughnecks here, the same as there are in New York and Brooklyn, or any of the large cities.

Well, Uncle Lisha, I wish you could have seen our mountains in all autumnal beauty. After the summer is gone and the days grow cold, they put on their dresses of red and gold. If there is any choice for beauty between spring and fall, I think I prefer the fall. I am a great lover of nature. I don't think man has ever invented anything that can compare with the beauties of nature. This is truly God's country. I sure do pity the poor folks that have to live cooped up in the city with never a breath of pure fresh air. My home is on a hilltop where I can see the sunrise as well as the sunset. I often wish I was a great painter so that I could paint some of the beauties of my mountain home, but, alas, I have had no opportunity to study painting.

We have a great many flowers that grow wild and bloom from early spring until frost. There are some still in bloom. All of us live the free outdoor life and are happy, contented and unusually strong and robust. We women often work in the fields and are not ashamed to be called clodhoppers or "briar-jumpers" as some people call us.

Uncle Charlie was one of my heroes and I am a true-blue American.

Lovingly your niece, **ROSE WINTERS.**

You don't know how pleased I always am, Rose, when I get a letter from one of the Family who is sincerely in love with the country which lies about his or her home—and also with the life that can be lived in such beloved surroundings. I get many letters from cousins who long for a city life. They do not know that the woods and best fields about them are really the truest and best of God that offer pleasures no man-built, man-filled hive of a town can give. Each year city dwellers need more and more to be pitted as you do pity them, Rose. Crowds increase, rents increase, prices of food increase, bad odors and bad air increase, and, worse than all else, each year in our congested towns increase the lies of trade, the untruths of action, and the inhumanity and exploitation that must always occur where men are packed so closely and must live upon one another's losses and gains. In the largest of our cities man has not literally room to live or breathe. By day there is little of sunlight or of green things for him to rest his tired eyes upon, and by night even the greatest of the stars are not to be seen in the floods of artificial lights beckoning to artificial pleasures. Sidewalk-tethered and wall-prisoned he lives and dies—poor civilization's alien in a country like ours which offers so much of Nature's beauty and great spaces. Almost six millions of such unfortunates make up the population of New York. And in the state of Wyoming, for instance, there are over eighteen million acres of vacant public land.

Indeed I wish I might have seen your mountains last autumn, Rose. The Psalmist was right when he wrote of the help that comes from the hills. A high country breeds high thoughts. The strength and peace of mountains are always ours

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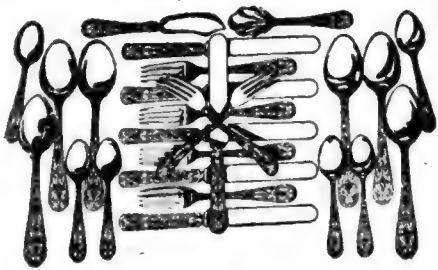
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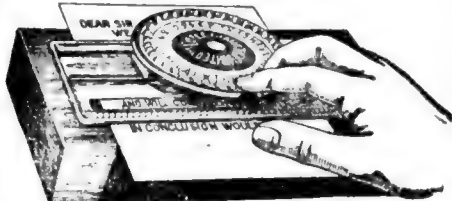
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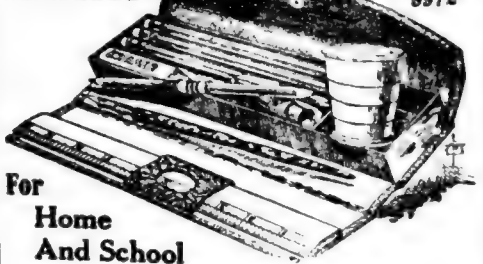
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With 125 Moving Picture Views



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HERE is something as good as a movie show for the children the year round—the wonderful new Film-O-Scope with a powerful magnifying lens—and with it we give you free of cost a big collection of 125 Views from real moving picture films.

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THE most popular ladies' rings worn today are these beautiful birthstone rings. Not only is it considered lucky to wear one of them but they are now and always will be exceedingly stylish. We are able to illustrate only a few of the rings but there are twelve in all—a different stone for each month of the year, and of course you should wear the stone that is symbolical of the month you were born. The following is a list of the twelve rings, names of the stones and the month to which they apply:

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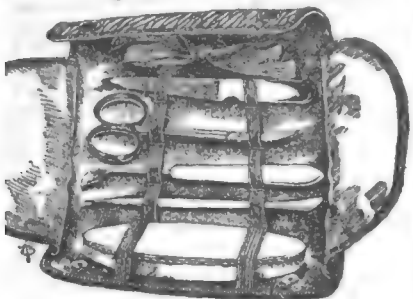
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A Roll-Up Leather Case



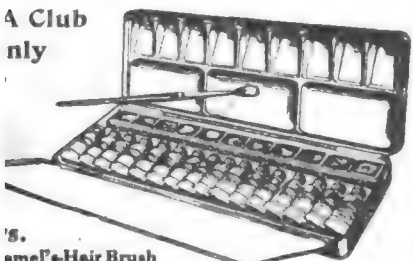
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ACTUAL and beautiful Set, containing everything necessary for the proper care of the nails. It consists of a 5-inch flexible polished nail file, a pair of 3 1/2-inch polished steel curved nail scissors, a 4-inch cuticle knife with French Ivory handle, a 4-inch French Ivory nail stick, and a 4 1/2-inch French Ivory nail buffer with French Ivory Top. All these articles are neatly contained in a moire-lined, genuine leather case, measuring 6 1/2 inches wide and 6 inches from end to end when opened. The case rolls up as shown in illustration, and fastens with two snap clasps. In this form it resembles a miniature pocketbook, and is just as convenient to carry, as it measures only 5 1/2 x 2 inches and only 1 inch in thickness.

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A Club of Two

Every woman and girl who likes to look like a queen with the latest styles have one of these handsome, embossed silver Vanity Cases. It is the very latest, having a thin model case like that of a model watch, is very light, weighing a little over two ounces, and of good size—3 1/2 inches long and 2 1/2 inches wide. The chain is 18 inches long. Inside the case is a fine mirror and two dainty powder puffs. This Vanity Case is one of the prettiest designs we have seen so we have purchased a quantity of them to give away among COMFORT's. We will send you one free if you accept the following special offer.

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Five Wheel Chairs in February

676 is COMFORT'S Total to Date

The recipients of the five February wheel chairs are: Helen Monical, Kalvesta, Kans., 120; Mrs. Ida Mae Long, Lewiston, Pa., 77; Martin, Payne, Pelham, Ala., 61; Jessie L. V. Martin, R. 5, Marietta, Ga., 59; Oscar E. Ellington, Bells, Tenn., 59. The figures following their respective addresses indicate the number of subscriptions sent in by these applicants or by their friends for them.

HELEN MONICAL, age 8, is paralyzed from her hips down and bedridden, due to tuberculosis of the spine which has also caused such a curvature of the spine that she is obliged to lie always on one side. She is one of a large family of children. The wheel chair will alleviate her discomfort and lessen her mother's burden in caring for her.

Mrs. IDA MAE LONG, age 45, since six months past has been and still is so crippled in her lower limbs by rheumatism that she can not walk even with crutches.

OSCAR PAYNE, age 40, has been a helpless cripple from birth, never able to walk, and now has no use of his hands. He is dependent on his father who is past 70 years of age and not in easy circumstances.



MRS. MAC SNODGRASS ENJOYING HER COMFORT WHEEL CHAIR.

JESSIE L. V. MARTIN, age 7, was afflicted with sickness at fifteen months of age which left her paralyzed from her hips down. She has never been able to walk but can use her hands. This wheel chair will be a joy to her and a help to her mother in caring for her.

OSCAR E. ELLINGTON, age 8, when a baby suffered an attack of infantile paralysis which left him crippled in his legs so that he has never been able to walk. His legs are shrunken, never having developed in proportion to the rest of his body.

These are all very sad cases, but doubtless the wheel chairs which I am sending to these poor unfortunates will mitigate their suffering and brighten their lives. My thanks to all who have helped in this good work, and I pray you and others to support it.

Sincerely yours,
W. H. GANNETT,
Publisher of COMFORT.

P.S. For the information of our many new subscribers let me explain that for each and every 150 one-year subscriptions to COMFORT, at 50 cents each, sent in either singly or in clubs by persons who direct that they are to be credited to COMFORT'S WHEEL-CHAIR CLUB instead of claiming the premiums to which they would be entitled, I give a FIRST-CLASS INVALID WHEEL CHAIR to some needy crippled child and give the freight, too. It is a large and expensive premium for me to give for that number of subscriptions, but I am always glad to do my part a little after each month that you do yours.

Her Comfort Wheel Chair a Blessing.
Central City, Ky.

Dear Mr. Gannett:
I enclose a picture of Mrs. Mac Snodgrass, of Powderly, Ky., in her wheel chair obtained by subscriptions to COMFORT. The chair is indeed a blessing to her. She is known to her many friends as being meek, patient and long-suffering, and her tongue is governed by the law of kindness. May God bless and help her in the prayer of her friends. Thanking you and others who have helped her to obtain her chair, I am,
Truly yours,
Rachel McNeil.

COMFORT'S Roll of Honor

The Roll of Honor comprises the names of those who have sent five or more subscriptions, or a dollar or more in money, to credit of the Wheel-Chair Club during the month previous. Following each name is the number of subscriptions or amount of cash sent.

Mrs. W. L. Powell, Kans., for Helen Monical, 120 subs; Mrs. W. L. A. Kiser, Va., for Miss Alice Kiser, 42; Mrs. Ida Johnson, for Hazel Johnson, 21; Armora Sirman, La., for Mrs. Ellen Westbrook, 20; Mrs. Orland Jenkins, Ohio, for Mary Miller, 20; Mrs. Geo. D. Bird, Pa., for Miss Mae Long, 16; Ina Bardsers, Mo., for Dan Bardsers, 15; Mrs. W. D. Folmar, Ala., for Mrs. Mayme Carter, 12; Miss Lela Cantrell, Tex., for Hazel Burdette, 10; Mrs. Geo. Carpenter, Tex., for Annie Carpenter, 9; Mrs. Edna Woodhull, Ark., for Mrs. Fannie Selph, 8; Mrs. W. J. Pace, Ga., for Jessie Lee Martin, 8; Mrs. D. R. Sirman, La., for Ellen Westbrook, 7; Mrs. Mattie Oliver, Colo., for General, 6; Mrs. Thad Perkins, Pa., for General, 6; Mrs. John Rogers, Ark., for Herman Rogers, 6; Mrs. Frankie Owens, Tenn., for R. E. Hill, 5; Mrs. Fannie Womack, Miss., for own chair, 5; Mr. J. A. McManus, Okla., for Ira B. Norton, 5; Mrs. T. H. Snell, Fla., for Pachel Thornton, 22 subs and 90c; Mrs. Della Seago, Tex., for Audie Seago, 13 subs and \$1.00; Mr. J. S. Orr, La., for Mrs. Ellen Westbrook, 9 subs and \$1.00; Mrs. Tassie Hogan, Fla., for General, 6 subs and \$2.00; Alpha Lauderdale, Ind., for General, 1 sub and \$2.00; Annie Giescher, Mont., for General, \$5.00; Mrs. L. S. Copple, Ill., for Cleo Copple, \$2.00; Miss Florence Law, for General, \$2.00; from a friend, Okla., for General, \$2.00; a Florida friend, Fla., for General, 1 sub and \$1.00; Katherine Ackerman, Ill., for General, \$1.00; Miss Vesta Young, Mo., for General, \$1.00; Mrs. J. Teague, Mich., for General, \$1.00; Mrs. August Burger, Ala., for General, \$1.00; Mrs. C. Teah, Calif., for General, \$1.00; Annie Weisinger, Tex., for Cleo Copple, \$1.00.

The United States Bureau of Biological Survey destroyed 50,000 predatory animals such as prairie dogs and ground squirrels in a year and estimates that the saving to crops amounted to \$11,000,000.

COMFORT

We Will Spend 25c On Anyone Suffering From Constipation

Send your address at the earliest possible moment and you will receive a trial bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin free of charge

YOU men and women who are real hard sufferers from constipation, listen and realize how easy it is to get relief when the right remedy is used. It will cost 25c to send you a free trial bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, but we will gladly do it for anyone who asks. Let those who live at a distance be sure to write. Fill out the coupon below or simply write on a post card or in a letter: "Send me a free trial bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin."

We want to prove to mothers that Syrup Pepsin is better for the children and herself than harsh physics that gripe and weaken, and which you have to force people to take; to prove to elderly people that Syrup Pepsin is better than salt waters and powders and pills, as it does not lose its good effect by repeated use and the dosage does not have to be increased; to prove that artificial coal-tar drugs in candy form, which can cause skin eruptions and heart affections, are not as good as a vegetable preparation like Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin.

Ask for the free trial bottle of Syrup Pepsin if you can use it right now for constipation, biliousness, flatulency, wind or gas, sour and colicky stomach, indigestion, dizziness, intestinal poisoning, loss of appetite and sleep, auto-intoxication, dyspepsia, and to break up fevers and colds. Take it yourself; give it to anyone, infant or adult. It is safe.

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years of public use, the largest selling family laxative in the world. Don't you want to try such a wonderful laxative of which more than 10 million bottles are sold and paid for every year? You can do it free. We will gladly spend 25c on your family to send you a trial bottle and show you that what we claim you can prove. Write today, addressing your envelope as shown in the coupon.

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Name
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NOT MORE THAN ONE FREE TRIAL BOTTLE TO A FAMILY.

Comfort's League of Cousins

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when we can look up to the hills and claim our own. Nature can always take us and heal all our hurts—rubbing like a kind mother the bumps that life has given us.

Rose, you are "happy, contented and unusually strong" because you are living the life God meant you to live—and loving it as you live it. If you cannot paint the beauty of your Cumberlands which you see about you, you can at least hold the colors in your heart. Here in this packed city it makes me happy to think of you upon your hilltop—where neither sunrise nor sunset are hid from you. For the pictures of the Greatest Painter were meant to be seen and loved. The best that man can do is to take up brush with humility and try to transcribe what he sees with awe. For it's a beautiful world, Rose, and "it is good for us to be here."

LA RUE, ARKANSAS.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA AND COUSINS:

Open the door and let me in to your happy circle, for it is cold weather in the Ozarks, and Jack Frost will have me jelping with pain on account of frozen fingers and toes.

I live nine miles from a railroad, in a valley which isn't very thickly settled. We are about a mile and a half from White River. We have a real nice and interesting country—or at least I think so.

Among the most interesting places is a bluff known as the Indian Bluff. It is well named, for people hunting for Indian relics searched the bluff and found many things—among them being skeletons, baskets, paint, etc. We have many different kinds of trees and several varieties of nuts—such as chinquapins, hazel nuts and walnuts. Benton County, the county we live in, leads the state in the growing of apples.

Perhaps you would like to know who is writing all this. It is a blue-eyed girl, with brown hair, who is about five feet tall and who wants to hear from all the cousins.

I go to school about two miles from home. I am also organist and teacher of one of the classes in our Sunday school.

I'd like to hear from any of the cousins, no matter where they live, and would also like to receive photographs of them.

Your loving niece and cousin, OVA MCGUINNIS.
P. S. Oh, I forgot to tell you how young I am! I'm sixteen years old.

It worries me, Ova, to think that all the letters and photographs you are going to receive will have to be toted nine miles and perhaps dropped in the White River on the way. Can't you get the railroad to run a Comfort extension out to La Rue? Tell them about the mail contracts they can get and see if something can't be done about it. Otherwise I fear your mail service is going to break down, or be seriously cracked.

Your Indians were no bluffers, Ova, and sure delivered the goods when the relic hunters took up their bluff. Think of the poor red man who had to live on bluffs before the days of Ford, violins and equal suffrage! How those unfortunate and too-early Americans ever got any joy out of life is a mystery to me. I'm not surprised they went right ahead and died and became cigar store emblems and museum relics. Some of 'em even formed lodges.

Will you, Ova, please tell me what kind of a nut is a chinquapin? Is it anything like a cotter pin? If it is, it must have a strong oily flavor—something like cup grease. I have heard a lot about chinquapins, but none ever chinked around close enough for me to get a look or taste. I like to learn, Ova, and I'm always ready to ask questions—so come on with your chinquapin statistics. Do they make good cake filling and nut butter—or is the flavor too sharp? I know you'll see the point.

Ova, it would have been terrible if you had really forgotten to tell us how old you were. We might have thought you as ancient as an Indian relic if you hadn't come out with the young and awful truth. But don't fret, my dear; you'll be a little older every year—although I once knew

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A real machine which reproduces talking, singing and dance music. Guaranteed lots of fun. Given free for selling only 30 pkts. Garden Spot Seeds at 10 cents a pkt. Send no money—trust you. Write for seeds today. Lancaster Co. Seed Co., Sta. 7, PARADISE, PA.

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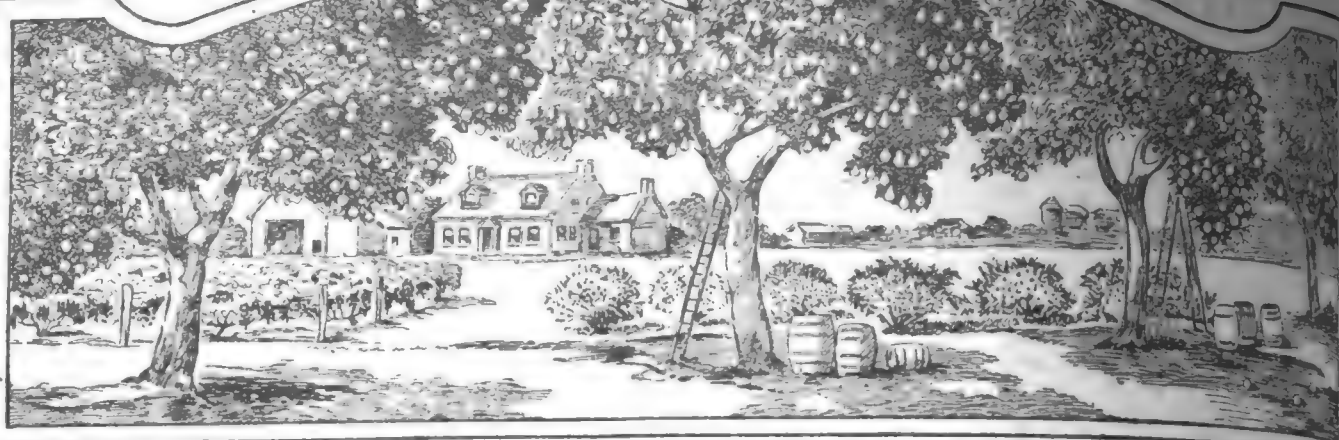
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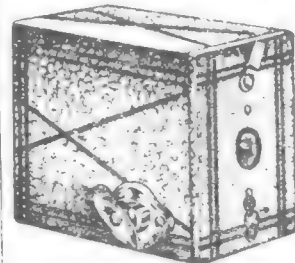
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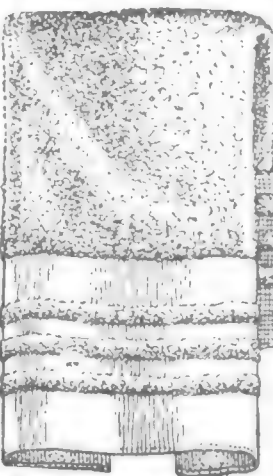
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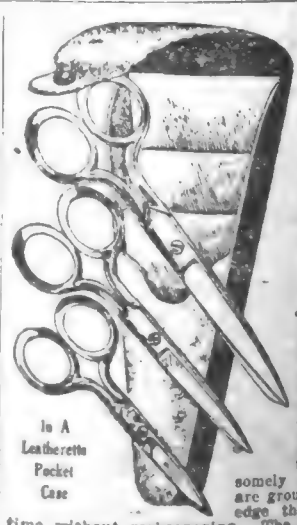
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SUBSCRIBER, Jerico Springs, Mo.—You may show boy caller where he may lay or hang his hat and oat, but it is best you do not take them from him sist him in any way in this. Do not say: "Take ir." Some chairs are rather heavy to carry, you and probably your folks would not want you to away any of the family furniture. But you may "Won't you sit down?"—giving him a good ex- by seating yourself. (2) Some boys are as timid ung rabbits, while others are as forward as spring thern Florida. They all require special handling, he disposition to kiss readily seems to be inherent species. If a boy kisses you against your will may show your displeasure in any way you like seems appropriate to the occasion. One way l be to deny him any further opportunities by re- g to see him again, and another would be to offer a prompt and fair-fingered slap in exchange. Or night say to him: "If you are going to do the s you know I do not want you to do, it is best we cease to be friends or see each other." Add a temper and dignity to this formula and see how rks. But in some boys the kissing instinct is as dicable as ink stains in pink crepe de chene,—or ite for corn in young Durocs.

G., Chickasha, Okla.—It would fall to the man to : the table, or chaffer with the head waiter, when g as your escort at dinner or luncheon at a hotel fe. But suggestions would be permissible from such as: "Let's sit over there," or, "It would be to be nearer the music," etc. Your escort would the order to the waiter for both of you—after hav- eard from you what you wished to eat; but here, you could, if necessary, interpose suggestions or ctions in the order as he gives it. For instance, night wish Russian dressing in place of mayon- for your salad, etc. These things, you will no- re matters of common sense, in which etiquette l not be supposed to foolishly interfere—and spoil meal. If you are going on to a cafe, and your or to a matinee after luncheon, it would be your t who would be supposed to be responsible for get- out there on time and seeing that the meal was not ed in too lingering a fashion. But if your eye on watch or clock should show that he was neglect- here would be no harm in reminding him of the of time. You would not remove your hat when ing or dining in this way at a cafe, and your wrap l be left to fall from your shoulders over the back r chair. You would, of course, remove your gloves.

B., Hunter, N. Y.—Introductions are best made mply as possible, care being used to see that the s are plainly pronounced. A man in all ordinary s is supposed to be introduced or presented to the m. A boy to a girl, etc. By saying, "Miss Blank, is Mr. Dash," you will have fulfilled all require- s of etiquette in such an introduction as you de- although a skillful introducer can often add a words to start conversation and break the social (2) If you do not wish to dance with this boy, you say that you are tired and prefer to rest out the . Or you might skillfully say: "Why don't you : this with Susie Blank? I wish you would: I she has been wanting to have you ask her." But last method requires finesse. The best way to do it dance with a boy who is before you is to break s previously promised to a boy you do. But here : perhaps even more finesse is necessary!

MARRIED LITTLE GIRL, Tennessee.—If you were en- l to this man for three years before his marriage, ould certainly like to know why, when he now, ively little wife and a dear little boy," he still you and you love him. It would seem that with his prolonged love he ought to have married you ago, instead of now calmly talking of divorcing ife and taking you for second choice. Fortunately- forces are not so easily obtained. Good cause must own if wives and babies are to be carelessly tossed . From your letter, we believe that this married is attempting to keep up his old intimacy with you ying to make you believe he will marry you two from now. If you are so foolish as to trust him is story and in this two-year promise, we cannot y. We can only remind you that a man false woman is likely to be false to another. And ap- ly, if once engaged to you, he may have been e for failure are not so hard to see—and perhaps parents have noted some of these dangerous s in this boy to which your love leaves you blind, there is no getting around the fact—and other reous boy-and-girl readers of this column should take e—that years bring experience and capacity for ment. Your parents must be wiser than you are ighen, even though to you they may seem prej- d and intolerant in this matter where your young t is concerned. But we do not think they are ju- t, at least on the face of your letter, in keeping out of school and trying to force from you a prom- nt to speak to this boy. Unless the boy's char- r is other than you state, we think they are taking strong a stand. They should recognize, as even you that it is impossible for this boy to support you at any marriage between you would be impos- for several years at least. This being so, they d not let your education and happiness suffer too h because of a determination to make you boy- r will in what, after all, is only a boy-and-girl love e—which a few years, or another boy or girl, may e forever.

M., Hunters, Calif.—If you are not to have a wedding, yet plan to be married in a going-away ch, we fancy you must be arranging for a quiet ch wedding—or one at your church parsonage— only a few friends and your immediate relatives ent. We say this, for we believe you understand at any large church wedding you could not wear sing-away costume, but would have to assume the tional apparel of white or cream-colored silk or a, with or without veil. With a going-away cos- e such as you plan and describe, while your hat not be of the same color as your suit, it should ly be of a color that would harmonize, and the hat d not clash either in style or shade with your n. Personally we should prefer a hat of the same r—or at least a shade of such color. Do not let hat be over-elaborate in size or trimming. Yes; : blue would be a suitable color for your gown, as d be also dark brown or any of the darker shades reen. Have your gown carefully tailored, but not trimmed. Serge or broadcloth, or any firmly-woven rial would be correct. Only the left glove should moved for the ceremony, or such glove may not ed but simply turned back over the wrist. Some- e the wedding ring finger of the glove is slit onvenience. The engagement ring may be removed, t may be worn on the other hand during the cere- y. We think the old conventional altar kiss may afely left for a less public appearance.

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Best Ways of Doing Things Around the Home

When mending knees and seat of overalls, rip the in- seam of legs from hem to hem. Then you can lay them flat and patch on the sewing machine. Sew up the seam again with double or triple stitching and they're as good as new. Patch everything possible on machine. It is more serviceable and saves wear on nerves as well as time.

Make drawing pads for children of wrapping paper. Iron the paper if wrinkled and bind on machine or by hand with bright colored cloth, or punch holes in one side and tie with bright colored twine. If the children are small they will like the paper cut in shapes of animals.

Save cold cream jars, etc., for jelly and jam for school lunches. Never put jelly on sandwiches as it soaks in and is less palatable. The jars are the right size and the screw tops keep the contents from spilling.

Crushed brown-bread crumbs make an excellent substitute for nuts in cake.

If you tear your rubbers down the side they can be mended with a piece of adhesive tape. It must be used on the inside and serves well only when it doesn't get too wet.—OREGON BROWNIE, Goble, Oregon.

To remove white spots from furniture, rub with sweet spirits of niter.—MRS. D. L. PATTEN, Kansas.

To mend old corsets to keep steels from pushing through the second time. Pull steels out a couple of inches and file two notches opposite each other. Push back in place and sew with strong thread through the notches. I have found this to be the best plan I ever tried.

A good way to change high shoes into low ones is to cut the top off shoes down as far as the fifth eyelet, then turn in edge of kid and lining and stitch on sewing machine. I did this and was much pleased with results. It saved buying a pair of low shoes for morning wear.—MISS LILLIAN STEVENS, Barclay, Md.

To clean a straw or white felt hat, put the hat over the end of the ironing board or any clean board and with a stiff brush scrub thoroughly with gasoline or kerosene and ammonia and—this is important—while still wet rub over with a lump of gloss starch and al- low to get bone dry and brush thoroughly. I think you will be pleased with the result.

Perhaps sometime you have cleaned some light colored material with gasoline and viewed with consterna- tion the ring that was left around the spot and the longer you cleaned the worse it got. Try this method: This applies to woolen and cotton material only. Take a little warm water and rub spot gently so as not to injure the nap. If warm water will not do it take a little Ivory soap. After spot is out rinse with a little clean water. Then rub over the entire wet spot with a lump of gloss starch, being especially careful to rub the edge of the wet place. When thoroughly dry, brush off and press. This should be done with the spot on a

board with a few thicknesses of cloth under it to keep the water from running and making too large a spot. A piece of cheese-cloth makes a good sponge.

To boil cracked eggs, add a little vinegar to the wa- ter to prevent the whites from boiling out.

To clean screen doors, dip a stiff brush in kerosene and go over screens with it. They will look like new.—BENTON, ARK.

A silk dress is more difficult. Try cleaning with gasoline first, that is, wash it all over in gasoline. This takes out all the dust and loose dirt. For the spots that gasoline won't bring out, put it over a clean board and with a piece of cheese-cloth for a sponge go over the entire dress or if it is a two-piece dress or with a belt you may only need to sponge to the waist, or perhaps just the waist. Be careful to wet the good, all over for if you skip one dry spot it will leave a ring around it. After you have gone over the dress and taken out all the spots hang on a hanger and hold over an electric fan and keep turning to dry it evenly. If you have no electric fan choose a windy day and do likewise. Hold the skirt open over the fan and do not let it fold together anywhere while real wet or it will streak. Iron on the wrong side quickly with not too hot an iron. This sounds like a lot of trouble but it has saved me a cleaner's bill many times and you can clean a dress for a small expense and in some cases it don't cost a cent.

A good way to clean white kid gloves is to wash thor- oughly with gasoline and while wet stretch over the hands and rub in a good coat of whitening. Hang up to dry and then put on again and with your elbows on a table let someone rub the gloves with a clean cloth (or do it yourself, one hand at a time) until all whitening is rubbed off so it will not come off on the clothing and at the same time give the gloves a shine that makes them look like new.—A HOME CLEANER, Flinton, Pa.

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Wanted: Pattern for Bleeding Heart quilt.

Will someone please send me instructions for cro- cheting a rag rug. I am an old lady of seventy-four years.—MRS. L. E. HINSON, Garrett, R. R. 1, Ind.

How to clean blue felt shoes.

Mrs. M. L. Bicknell, Woodfords, 223 Woodfords St., Maine, would like poems, "The Legend of Bregenz," and "How He Saved St. Michael's."

I would like to get copies of the old school reader, Sander's Union Reader, 3rd, 4th and 5th.—ELORA BLATTNER, Wyaconda, Mo.

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From my son away out West,
And my old heart is heavy
As an anvil in my breast.
To let the boy whose future
I had once so proudly planned,
Should wander from the paths of right
And come to such an end."
The last two lines are:
"Bill's in the legislature,
But he doesn't say what for."

MRS. ADA BISKER, Canal Fulton, Ohio.

Will Mrs. Sadie M. Lee, formerly of Fair Oaks, Cal., send me her present address.—MRS. CHRIST KORTIARD, Sacred Heart, Box 776, Minn.

How to clean white plumes.

Wanted: To hear from someone having the Elsie Denmore and the Pollyanna books for sale.—MRS. GLADYS FARMER, Holly Springs, Georgia.

Letters on the care of canaries.

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(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 42.)

a girl in Massachusetts who got stuck for a long time at twenty-eight. I thought she'd never pull through.

LINDEN, IOWA.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA AND COUSINS:

"I'm from Ioway, Ioway, State of all the land, Joy on every hand, I'm from Ioway, Ioway, That's where the tall corn grows!"

Please, Billy, now won't you let me by for singing you the chorus of our state song? I am seventeen years old, have dark brown hair, bobbed; hazel eyes and an Iowa complexion. Does anyone know what this last is? Well, Flo Ziegfeld once said—but I guess I won't tell you for fear some of the cousins will think I'm vain. I hope I'm not, anyway. I am five feet, three inches tall and weigh 115 pounds.

I am a senior in high school this year and I happen to be the only girl in my class. Our school is not very large but we sure have lots of fun.

May I say a word on the flapper question? Perhaps there are some who think I am a flapper because I have my hair bobbed. If a flapper is one who is full of fun, always ready for a good time, and loves the great outdoors, then I must be one. But really, Uncle Lisha, do you think short hair makes any change on the inside of a girl? I don't, and the people around here are broad-minded enough to feel the same way. Personally, I think it is a clean, sensible, healthy style and I'm going to have mine bobbed.

I would like to hear from lots of cousins, because I certainly do enjoy making new pen-friends. It is very interesting to receive letters from all over the U. S. A. and from foreign lands. I correspond with a person in Birmingham, England, and his letters are very interesting to read. I also have a Honolulu correspondent. In this way one finds out many things about our own country and other countries not known before. For instance, this boy in England said that there were people over there who believed every person over here was connected with the cinema industry and that we all got divorces at least once in our lives.

This letter is long enough, so I will close. Lovingly, FREDA BURNHAM.

Freda, I'm glad to see you come out of the tall corn, singing as you come. I wish you had included in your song just what Flo Ziegfeld said about Iowa complexions. This Ziegfeld is a knowing Manhattan person and his judgment counts a lot on complexions—much more than it would on corn, for instance. To be a Ziegfeld Folies' girl is equivalent to being the last and loveliest word in feminine pulchritude, so if you have a Ziegfeld standard of complexion, Freda, I'm willing to let you be just a little vain—if you really want to be.

As for bobbed hair, Freda, I say again, as I've said before, I do not like it. The bobbing may make no change on the inside of a girl, but said girlie must have gone through some sort of an internal change before she decided to part with her natural adornment. If ten years before bobbed hair became the rage, any girl had been told she must snip off her hair level with the back of her neck—why she'd have thrown sixteen sorts of fits. It's a clean and sensible and healthful custom, Freda but so is going barefooted, for instance. But now bobbed hair is bobbing out of style again and tresses are lengthening like the skirts. So swings the pendulum, and dressmakers and hairdressers thrive.

Freda, that English friend of yours has certainly been reading our newspaper headlines with care. And so his opinions are largely justified. If I thought our country was what the newspaper captions and Sunday supplements make it out to be, I'd just put Billy in a crate and ship with him for New Guinea, Tahiti or Zanzibar. For those newspapers, movies and divorce courts cease to trouble. Coal strikes exist not and subways do not sub. Restaurants could be foiled by roast monkey and breadfruit. I think I'll get a few folders of steamers sailing out of San Francisco and so be prepared for the worst. But the worst would be measuring Bill for a crate.

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA: I will not chat with you and cousins for a few minutes? I will not stay long. I am a lonely boy living among the lonely pines, in a lonely mansion, all alone in the central part of Mississippi. And I do my own cooking. No, I am not a bachelor—just a boy. I get very lonely out here in my mansion with no one to listen to my groans except the lonely pines. No, I cannot send samples of my curls, for I have no curls; and I keep my hair cut so short I could not get enough for a sample.

I am sorry for the cousin who had to cut his hair all off to send samples to the "old maids." He should have said, "No samples given." I wonder if he is yet in his grave. I guess not, for some girl has probably got herself a good husband and gone to the city with him where you wear short hair all the time—if you wear any hair at all. I say, Cousin of the Ozarks, you are not the only lonely man. I have no high peak to hurl myself from—and I don't think I would if I had—but I have an old well in the back yard. I guess I will have to let those "lonesome blues" run their course—unless some cousin writes me a few cheering lines.

One cousin said she would be glad to exchange pictures with all the girls, but would not exchange any with the boys. She has a wise head on her shoulders. I was going to send her one of my pictures until I read: "I won't rather the boys would not send theirs, because I will not give them one of mine." I was at most sick; I had lost out again.

My oak stove knows a secret I dare not tell; it would make the singing pines blush to hear it. Will someone send me a recipe how you cook corn bread that won't turn to pieces when it is put on the table? I can cook hot cakes, cold cakes, hard cakes, soft cakes, "spuds," and I can even boil water without burning it.

Gee, my hand is burning! I got burned every time I go in the kitchen. I am cooking supper. I am not much in the kitchen, but when you get me at the table you'd be surprised.

Well, I will tell you how I look and then I must go to supper. I am five feet, six inches short; weigh 160 pounds, have blue eyes, light brown hair, and a fair complexion.

By by until after supper! J. ELLIS STRICKLAND.

J. Ellis, it certainly beats all creation how many lonely boys we have amid the Happy Family—no lonely that they groan like a sick elephant and sigh like an Ohio blast furnace. However, it doesn't take long to cure him, I notice. Just one little appearance in our Big Family Circle and "the lonesome blues" are gone for good. Indeed most of the lonesome sufferers commence to bark water and cry for help when the avalanche of mail hits 'em hard and they go under. I am going to try and save you, if possible, from that well bottom, Ellis. It would be a shame to spoil corn-fed lonesomeness.

But, speaking of being corn fed, how do you ever expect anyone to send you a recipe for corn bread "that won't turn to pieces when it is put on the table"? Ellis, all the corn bread I ever saw put on any table was torn to pieces in short order—and sometimes the chawking was awful to hear as the poor corn bread was being de-

stroyed. No, Ellis, good corn bread was meant to be promptly torn. Who would want corn bread that had to be torn with an axe?

From all you said about your culinary skill, J. Ellis, I think it was wise that you described yourself before you went in to eat your lonesome-cooked supper. You might never have looked the same afterward. But don't hit the bottom of that well yet, Old Lonesomeness. All you need is a cook and a cook book to save you, and neither one is hard to acquire—even without curls.

League Shut-in and Mercy Work for February

"Inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these you have done it unto Me." Written references from doctor and postmaster must positively accompany all appeals from shut-ins. Every month brings to me many letters which disregard this simple and necessary rule. Appeals unaccompanied by the references required will be destroyed.

Mrs. G. B. Ellison, Wikel, W. Va. Only partly recovered from one operation and faced by another, this suffering woman is forced to ask for aid. Clothes will be welcome, but money will help more. Well recommended, Susan Purdy, Sanville, Va. Old and afflicted, this aged Comfort reader asks aid to take her through the winter. Give her a good boost forward with cash or clothes. Frankie Bennett, Greenfield, R. R. 1, Mo. An orphan boy of nine years, crippled and with a hospital experience of 23 months. Asks for any kind of cheer to "pass away the long winter days." This should be easy, cousins. Send along the cheer. Mrs. Susan Collins, Tomahawk, Ky. With a husband who is a helpless cripple, this poor woman is struggling on to care for the family. There are three children, of eight, 12 and 15 years. The two oldest are boys. Clothes and cash sent quick is the answer here. Miss Amanda Wycoff, care of Mr. Elliott, Moundville, Mo. A bedridden old lady of 79 to whom a shower of quilt pieces or post cards would mean much happiness—little to give, but lots of joy it will mean. Mrs. Albert Dalton, Star, Va. An invalid for many long months, this mother of four young children—the oldest only eight years of age—asks for help of any sort to solve the problem of support and cheer. Mrs. Emma Waggoner, Shuff, Va. A widow with a boy of 11 and a girl of eight. With ill health and on rented land, she faces a hard time to carry on. Lift the load a little for her, folks.

The worst of winter is over, but not over are the sufferings, through pain and poverty, of those who ask for aid this month. Spring will come and the shut-in weeks of winter be past, but the darkened days of these sad ones must continue in any season. But cash, clothes and cheer can bring sunlight to these shadowed places. These gifts can lighten burdens for a time at least, can help problems of poverty and lessen the stress of pain. Think of these things, and as you think—give!

Lovingly,

Uncle Lisha

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